

**Coulomb's Law:** fundamental relationship between electrostatic attraction and repulsion.

- It applies to charged particles, magnets, gravitation, etc.
- In chemistry, we are most interested in energy of attraction or repulsion between subatomic particles

**Coulomb's Law:**  $E \propto \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r}$

E = energy of attraction or repulsion between particles  
 Q<sub>1</sub> = charge of first particle  
 Q<sub>2</sub> = charge of second particle  
 r = distance between charged particles

**In short:**

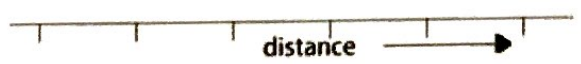
- Energy of attraction/repulsion ↑ as the magnitudes (sizes) of the charges ↑
- Energy of attraction/repulsion ↓ as the distance between the charges ↑

**Thought question:** will an electron be more attracted to the nucleus of a hydrogen atom or a helium atom, and why?  
 Helium! He has 2 p<sup>+</sup> while H has only 1 p<sup>+</sup>, more positive charge means negative e<sup>-</sup> will be more attracted.

**Coulomb's Law Practice**

- a) (+) (-)
- b) (+) (+)
- c) (+) (-)
- d) (-) (-)

- Which set of particles shown the left will experience:
  - the greatest attraction to each other? b.
  - the greatest repulsion from each other? d.
- The particles in (a) will experience \_\_\_\_\_ attraction to each other than the particles in (c) because:
  - greater, the distance between them is less.
  - smaller, the distance between them is less.
  - the same, distance is irrelevant to force of attraction.



- The particles shown above in (a) will experience \_\_\_\_\_ attraction to each other than the particles in (b) because:
  - greater, the nucleus has one proton instead of two.
  - smaller, the nucleus has one proton instead of two.
  - the same, charge is irrelevant to force of attraction.
- An electron would be most attracted to the nucleus of which element? *(in the lowest energy level) (assuming same distance apart)*
  - lithium (3 p<sup>+</sup>)
  - sodium (11 p<sup>+</sup>)
  - potassium (19 p<sup>+</sup>)
  - rubidium (37 p<sup>+</sup>)
- A proton would be least repulsed by the nucleus of which element?
  - helium (2 p<sup>+</sup>)
  - neon (10 p<sup>+</sup>)
  - argon (18 p<sup>+</sup>)
  - krypton (36 p<sup>+</sup>)

## Atomic Structure

The atom can be divided into two regions:

- **Nucleus:** a very small region near the center of an atom that has a positive charge. It contains:
  - **Protons:** charge:  $+1$ , mass:  $1 \text{ amu}$ ; the number of protons is known as the atomic number and distinguishes one element from another.
  - **Neutrons:** charge:  $\phi$ , mass:  $1 \text{ amu}$

\*Note: the unit of mass for atomic particles is the atomic mass unit (amu)

→  $1 \text{ amu} =$  one-twelfth the mass of a carbon atom containing six protons and six neutrons.

- **Electron cloud:** a very large region surrounding the nucleus that is negatively charged. It contains:
  - **Electrons:** charge:  $-1$ , mass:  $\sim \phi$ ; atoms that are electrically neutral (they have no charge) must contain the equal number of protons and electrons.
  - It consists mostly of empty space.
  - Electrons exist in complex regions of space known as orbitals, which are organized in various energy levels.

### Isotopes

What are isotopes? Atoms of the same element, but different mass

This means the number of protons is the same, and the number of neutrons is different.

→ **Mass of an isotope = # protons + # neutrons**

Two ways to write isotopes:

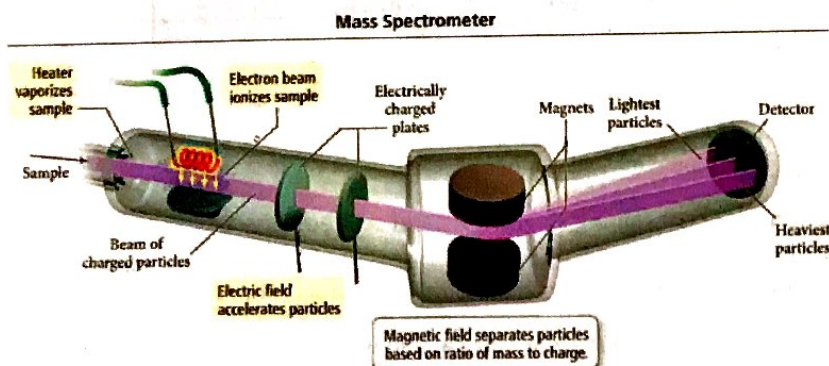
Type	hyphen-notation	VS	isotope notation/ nuclide symbol	
Definition	name-mass		mass # atomic #	Symbol
Example	carbon-12		$^{12}_6\text{C}$	

Let's Practice with Tasty Isotopes! Complete the chart below.

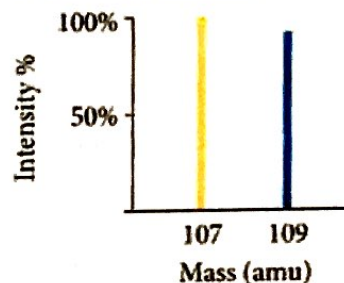
Hyphen notation	Isotope Notation	Mass #	Atomic #	Protons	Neutrons	Electrons
carbon-13	$^{13}_6\text{C}$	13	6	6	7	6
phosphorus-32	$^{32}_{15}\text{P}$	32	15	15	17	15
Zinc-66	$^{66}_{30}\text{Zn}$	66	30	30	36	30

## Mass Spectrometry and Average Atomic Mass

The masses of elements and their percent abundances of isotopes of elements are measured using mass spectrometry: a technique that separates particles according to their mass, producing a mass spectrum.



Mass Spectrum of Naturally Occurring Silver



- The position (location) of each peak on the x-axis indicates the mass of the isotope.
- The intensity (indicated by the height of the peak) indicates the relative abundance (how common that isotope is in nature).

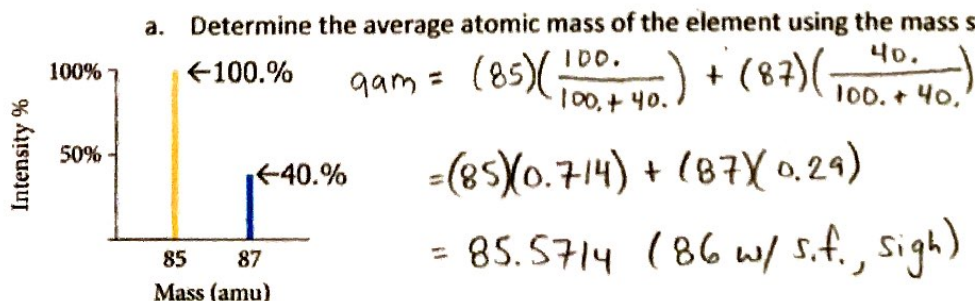
**Average Atomic Mass:** the weighted average mass of an element's isotopes and is the mass found on the periodic table.

$$\text{Average atomic mass} = \text{mass}_1 \left( \frac{\% \text{ Abundance}}{100} \right) + \text{mass}_2 \left( \frac{\% \text{ Abundance}}{100} \right) + \dots$$

- The average atomic mass will be between the mass of the largest and the mass of the smallest isotope.
- The average atomic mass will generally be closest to the most abundant isotope.
- Note:** It is important to understand that the masses of a proton and neutron are **approximately** 1 amu, but the actual mass of each isotope is NOT a whole number (mmm, nuclear binding energy). When specific, non-whole number masses are provided for each isotope, use the specific masses!

### Free Response Practice:

- Consider the mass spectrum shown below.



- Which element is most likely shown here? Rb
- How did you identify the element? on P.T., Rb's average atomic mass is 85.47 amu

$$\% \text{Ab } ^{40}\text{Ca} + \% \text{Ab } ^{46}\text{Ca} = 100$$

$$\therefore x + y = 1$$

$$\text{Let } x = \frac{(\% \text{Ab. of } ^{40}\text{Ca})}{100}, y = \frac{\% \text{Ab. } ^{46}\text{Ca}}{100}$$

2. There are two stable isotopes of calcium: Ca-40 (39.96) and Ca-46 (45.95).

a. Using the average atomic mass of calcium from the periodic table, calculate the % abundance of each isotope of calcium.

$$39.96x + 45.95(1-x) = 40.078 \quad \text{from P.T.}$$

$$39.96x + 45.95 - 45.95x = 40.078$$

$$\Rightarrow 5.99x = 5.872$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0.980 \Rightarrow \boxed{\% \text{Ab. } ^{40}\text{Ca} = 98.0\%, \% \text{Ab. } ^{46}\text{Ca} = 100 - 98.0 = 2.0\%}$$

b. How many atoms of Ca-46 would be found in a 25.0 g sample of naturally occurring calcium?

$$25.0 \text{ g Ca} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Ca}}{40.078 \text{ g Ca}} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms Ca}}{1 \text{ mol Ca}} \times \frac{0.020}{2.0\%} = \boxed{7.5 \times 10^{21} \text{ atoms } ^{46}\text{Ca}}$$

3. The mass reported on the periodic table for chlorine is 35.45 amu. Why, when a sample of chlorine is examined with a mass spectrometer, is there no peak in the spectrum with a mass of 35.45 amu?

Mass on P.T. is the Weighted average of mass of all the Cl isotopes,  $\therefore$  it is not the mass of any actual Cl atom.

4. Silver consists of two stable isotopes, one with a mass of 106.905 and an abundance of 51.84%.

a. What is the abundance and mass of the other isotope?  $\% \text{Ab} = 100\% - 51.84\% = 48.16\%$

from P.T.

$$107.87 = (106.905)(0.5184) + x(0.4816)$$

$$= 55.42 + 0.4816x$$

$$52.45 = 0.4816x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \boxed{108.9 \text{ amu}, 48.16\% \text{ Ab.}}$$

b. How many silver-107 atoms are present in a 2.00 gram sample of pure silver?

$$2.00 \text{ g Ag} \times \frac{1 \text{ mol Ag}}{107.87 \text{ g Ag}} \times \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms Ag}}{1 \text{ mol Ag}} \times \frac{0.5184}{51.84\%} = \boxed{5.79 \times 10^{21} \text{ Ag}^{107} \text{ atoms}}$$

5. Sulfur has four isotopes:  $^{32}\text{S}$ ,  $^{33}\text{S}$ ,  $^{34}\text{S}$ , and  $^{36}\text{S}$ .

a. Which isotope would you predict to be the most abundant and why? (No math needed! ☺)

$^{32}\text{S}$  must be the most abundant, b/c the average atomic mass of S on the P.T. is 32.07 amu, so the isotope w/ the closest mass to the average is usually the most abundant.

b. What is the difference between these four isotopes?

# of neutrons! (thus mass)