

CONCEPT: ATOMIC MASS (SIMPLIFIED)

- **Atomic Masses** of elements can be found by simply looking at the Periodic Table.

- The atomic mass of an element is an average of all its isotopes that uses the units of _____, _____ or _____.
- Recall that 1 amu = _____ kg.

1A (1)		2A (2)												3A (13)		4A (14)		5A (15)		6A (16)		7A (17)		8A (18)																			
1	H 1.008																					2 He 4.003																					
2	Li 6.941	Be 9.012												5 B 10.81	6 C 12.011	7 N 14.007	8 O 15.999	9 F 18.998	10 Ne 20.180																								
3	Na 22.99	Mg 24.31												13 Al 26.982	14 Si 28.085	15 P 30.974	16 S 32.06	17 Cl 35.45	18 Ar 39.948																								
4	K 39.10	Ca 40.08												31 Ga 69.723	32 Ge 72.630	33 As 74.922	34 Se 78.971	35 Br 79.904	36 Kr 83.798																								
5	Rb 85.47	Sr 87.62												49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.71	51 Sb 121.76	52 Te 127.60	53 I 126.90	54 Xe 131.29																								
6	Cs 132.91	Ba 137.33												81 Tl 204.38	82 Pb 207.2	83 Bi 208.98	84 Po (209)	85 At (210)	86 Rn (222)																								
7	Fr (223)	Ra (226)												113 Nh (286)	114 Fl (289)	115 Mc (290)	116 Lv (293)	117 Ts (294)	118 Og (294)																								
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EXAMPLE: Which of the following represents an element from the first column with the greatest atomic mass?

- a) Ba b) Al c) Cs d) Li e) Na

PRACTICE: Which of the following choices has the greatest atomic mass?

- a) Element A (0.283 kg)
b) Element B (3.20×10^{24} amu)
c) Element C (0.350 kg)
d) Element D (4.14×10^{26} Da)

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Calculating Atomic Mass

- The **Atomic Mass** of an element can be calculated if you know the **Isotopic Masses** and **Percent Abundances**.
 - **Isotopic Masses**: The masses for all the isotopes of a given element.
 - **Percent Abundances (Natural Abundances)**: Percentages available for each of the isotopes of a given element.
 - Sometimes referred to as _____ abundances.
 - **Isotopic Abundance (Fractional Abundance)**: The **percent abundance** of an isotope divided by _____.

Atomic Mass Formula

$$\text{Atomic Mass} = [(\text{Isotope Mass } \underline{\quad}) \cdot (\text{Isotopic Abundance})] + [(\text{Isotope Mass } \underline{\quad}) \cdot (\text{Isotopic Abundance})]$$

EXAMPLE: Calculate the atomic mass of gallium if gallium has 2 naturally occurring isotopes with the following masses and natural abundances:

Ga-69	68.9256 amu	60.11%
Ga-71	70.9247 amu	39.89%

- a) 69.72 amu b) 69.93 amu c) 70.00 amu d) 69.80 amu e) 70.68 amu

STEP 1: If you are given **percent abundances** then divide them by _____ in order to isolate the **isotopic abundances**.

STEP 2: Plug your given variables into the atomic mass formula in order to isolate the missing variable.

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PRACTICE: Only three isotopes of magnesium exist on earth. ^{24}Mg is the most common form at 78.70% natural abundance with a mass of 23.98504 amu, ^{25}Mg has a 10.13% natural abundance, while ^{26}Mg has a natural abundance of 11.17% and a mass of 25.98259 amu. What is the mass of the ^{25}Mg isotope?

PRACTICE: Silver has an atomic mass of 107.868 amu. The Ag-109 isotope (108.905 amu) is 48.16%. What is the amu of the other isotope?

a) 106.905 amu

b) 106.908 amu

c) 106.903 amu

d) 106.911 amu