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1. DALTON'S ATOMIC THEORY.

In 1800, Dalton proposed a modern atomic model based on experimentation. This theory can be summarized in:

a) All matter is made of atoms. Atoms are indivisible and indestructible.

b) All atoms of a given element are identical in mass and properties.

c) Each element has different atoms.

d) Compounds are formed by a combination of two or more different kinds of

atoms.



This model could explain all the laws of chemistry and physics (with the exception of electricity, radioactivity and the emission of waves from atoms).

Remember

A compound :





- (a) It is a **pure substance** composed of atoms bonded in the **same proportion.**
- b) It **cannot** be separated by physical methods.
- c) It keeps chemical properties constant.
- a) It is composed of two or more pure substances in any proportion.
- b) It **can** be separated by physical methods.
- c) It **does not keep** chemical properties constant.

Structure of atom

Modelos atómicos

In 1897, Thomson showed by an experiment that there were small charged particles inside of atoms; today we call these particles **electrons.** Thomson's model indicates that an atom is a sphere of positive charge, occupying the whole volume of the atom.





However, the Thomson model of the atom had to be abandoned, because new experiments showed that a least most of the positive charge (from protons) was concentrated in the center of the atom, not over the entire volume.

3. RUTHEFORD'S ATOM.

In 1911, Rutheford put forward the hypotheses that the positive charge of the atom was concentrated in a very small volume called nucleus. In this model, the electrons were scattered around the volume of the atom outside the nucleus.

The picture below shows Rutheford's experiment.

Structure of atom





4. BOHR'S ATOM

Structure of atom

In 1915, Niels Bohr proposed his Model, it was a modification of the earlier Rutheford Model. The Bohr Model contains some errors, but it is important because **it describes most of accepted features of atomic theory without all of the highlevel math of the modern version**. Bohr supposed.

a) Electrons move in circular orbits / shells around the atomic nucleus.

b) Only certain orbits are permitted.

c) In these permitted orbits, the electrons would not radiate (would not create radio waves) .

d) Radiation is absorbed or emitted when an electron **moves** from **one orbit to another**. Light of certain colors (and wavelengths) would be created when the electron changed orbits.

These postulates were entirely arbitrary but could explain the most of the experiments.





5. PARTICLES OF THE ATOM

An atom is the smallest particle of any element that still retains the characteristics of that element. However, atoms consist of even smaller particles. Atoms consist of a central, dense nucleus that is surrounded by one or more lightweight negatively charged particles called **electrons**. The **nucleus** is made up of positively charged particles called **protons** and **neutrons** which are **neutral**. An atom is held together by forces of attraction between the electrons and the protons. The neutrons help to hold the protons together. Protons and neutrons are believed to be made up of even smaller particles called **quarks**. We will limit our discussions to protons, neutrons and electrons.

The properties of these particles can be summarized in the following table. These particles are tiny (minute) and it can be used another units.

Unidad de masa atómica (u.m.a.= u) (Atomic mass unit (amu))	$1 u = 1,66.10^{-27} kg$
Charge of electron (e):	$1 e = 1,6.10^{-19} C$

	Proton (p)	Electron (e)	Neutron (n)
Mass	1 u	$1/1840 \text{ u} \approx 0$	1 u
Charge	+1 e	-1 e	0

- Atoms cannot be divided using chemicals. It is a basic chemical building of matter.

- Each **electron** has a <u>negative</u> electrical charge.

- Each **proton** has a <u>positive</u> electrical charge. The charge of a proton and a electron are equal in magnitude, yet opposite in sign.

- Each **neutron** is electrically <u>neutral</u>.

- Protons and neutrons are about the same size as each other are much larger than electrons.

- The mass of a proton is essentially the same as that of a neutron. The mass of a proton is 1840 times greater than the mass of an electron.

- The nucleus carries the positive electrical charge.

- Electron move around outside the nucleus.

- Almost of the **mass** of an atom is in its nucleus; almost all the **volume** of an atom is occupied by electrons.

- Electrons are in several energy levels (orbits). Each level contains $2.n^2$ electrons

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Level (n)	TOTAL ELECTRONS (2.n ²)
1	2
2	8
3	18
4	32

N° OF ELECTRONS CONTAINED FOR EACH LEVEL (ORBIT).



6. ATOMIC MASSES.

Atoms

Nowadays, the atomic mass unit is the **amu**. (uma). The amu is , aproximately, the mass of one atom of the lightest atom, the hidrogen atom. All other masses are **measured relative** to this standard.

For example, we do an experiment and find that oxygen has a mass that is 16 times that of hydrogen-1. Then the mass of one atom of oxygen-16 would be given by 1 * 16 = 16.

In this way, H is 12 times lighter than carbon-12 and its atomic mass is 1 amu. Or it is 16 times heavier that of hydrogen, it has a mass of 16 amu.

7. ATOMIC NUMBER. ATOMIC MASS NUMBER. ISOTOPES. IONS.

a) Atomic number (Z) : It is the number of protons in an element. It serves to identify elements . It determines the element. Z = p

b) Atomic mass number (Número másico (A): It is the sum of the number of protons and neutrons of an atomic nucleus. It signifies/indicates the atomic mass of the atom. A = p + n





Example: ³⁷17Cl has a mass number of 37. Its nucleus contains 17 protons and 20 neutrons.

c) Isotopes: Atoms with the same number of protons, but differing numbers of neutrons. They are different forms of a single element.

Examples: Carbon-12 and carbon-14 are both isotopes of carbon, one with 6 neutrons and one with 8 neutrons (both with 6 protons).

Carbon's isotopes

Hydrogen's isotopes

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- It has $34 - 16 = 18$ neutron	ns. Its mass is 18 amus (umas)
- It has got charge of -2 that	t indicates that there are $16 + 2 = 18$ electrons.

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d) Ion: An atom or molecule which has gained or lost one or more of its electrons, giving it a net positive or negative electrical charge. There are two types:

- Cations: number of electrons < number of protons . The charge is positive.
- Anions: number of electrons > number of protons. The charge is negative.



e) Atomic mass of an element. Its is a weighted average of all elements' isotopes based on their natural abundance. It is calculated by multiplying each istope's mass by its abundance. If the abundance is a percent, divide your answer by 100

$$Atomic mass = \frac{m_1 * \%_1 + m_2 * \%_2 + \dots}{100}$$

For this reason, atomic mass are often decimal numbers.

Example: The element boron (boro) consists of two isotopes, ${}^{10}B$ and ${}^{11}B$. Their masses, based on the carbon scale, are 10,01 and 11,01, respectively. The abundance of ${}^{10}B$ is 20 %. What is the abundance of ${}^{11}B$.

Solution: Since boron only has two isotopes, the abundance of one must be 100,0 - abundance of the other. Abundance of ${}^{11}B = 100,0 - abundance of {}^{10}B$. **Abundance of** ${}^{11}B = 100,0 - 20,0 = 80,0 \%$

Example: The element boron (boro) consists of two isotopes, 10 B and 11 B. Their masses, based on the carbon scale, are 10,01 and 11,01, respectively. The abundance of 10 B is 20 % and the abundance of 11 B is 80,0%. What is the atomic mass of boron?

Solution: Apply the following equation to the problem:

Atomic mass = $\frac{10,01*20+11,01*80}{100}$ = 10,81*u*Solution: Atomic mass of B = 10,81 u

Note that this is the value listed in the Periodic Table for the atomic mass of boron. Although the atomic number of boron is 10, its atomic mass is nearer to 11 than to 10, reflecting the fact that the heavier isotope is more abundant than the lighter isotope.







Ejemplos			
Z = 3	1s ² 2s ¹		
Z = 7	1s ² 2s ² p ³		
Z = 12	1s ² 2s ² p ⁶ 3s ²		
Z = 14	1s ² 2s ² p ⁶ 3s ² p ²		
Z = 16	1s ² 2s ² p ⁶ 3s ² p ⁴		
Z = 18	1s ² 2s ² p ⁶ 3s ² p ⁶		
Z = 22	1s ² 2s ² p ⁶ 3s ² p ⁶ 4s ² 3d ²		
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8. RADIOACTIVITY.

Unstable atomic nuclei will spontaneously decompose to form nuclei with higher stability. The decomposition process is called **radioactivity**.

The **energy** and **particles** which are released during the decomposition process are called **radiation**.

Radioactivity releases a great amount of energy because part of **nuclear** mass become energy ($E = m c^2$).

There are three types of radiations: α , β and γ .

a) Alpha Radiation. (α). It consists of a stream of positively charged particles, called alpha particles, which have an atomic mass of 4 and a charge of +2 (a helium nucleus).

b) Beta Radiation. β . It is a stream of electrons (from nucleus), called beta particles. When a beta particle is ejected, a neutron in the nucleus is converted to a proton, so the mass number of the nucleus is unchanged, but the atomic number increases by one unit.

c) Gamma Radiation. γ . It is high-energy photons. This emission results from an energy change within the atomic nucleus. This radiation changes neither the atomic number nor the atomic mass.



Distinto poder de penetración de las partículas α y β y de los fotones γ

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8.1. NUCLEAR FISSION. A heavy nucleus (uranium, plutonium, etc...) splits into several smaller fragments. These fragments, or fission products, are about equal to half the original mass. Two or three neutrons are also emitted. This fact can made possible a chain reaction with an unprecedented energy yield.



Advantages: The fission process has a high energy efficiency, 1 Kg of uranium produces as much energy as 2000 tons of oil.

Disadvantages: It presents risk of radioactive contamination and it exists difficulty to eliminate waste (thousand years).





8.2. NUCLEAR FUSSION. It joins two light elements (usually hydrogen), forming a more massive element (helium), releasing a tremendous amount of energy in the process. It has been used as a bomb (H bomb). Nowadays, its peaceful use is being researched.





Advantages: A lot more energy than fission can be obtained. There are large reserves of energy (hydrogen from ocean water) and it almost does not produce waste or polluting substances.

Disadvantages: It is necessary a extremely high temperature (about million of degrees) to start the nuclear reaction (lasers are used to reach this temperatures). Magnetic fields are used to keep this matter in a determine space. All these process are being researched.

8.3. APPLICTIONS OF RADIACTIVITY AND RADIOISOTOPES.

Radioactive isotopes (radioisotopes) are not always harmful, they find numerous uses in different areas such as medicine, chemistry, biology, archaeology, agriculture, industry and engineering.

8.1. Determination of age of minerals and rocks and archaeological objects. Many minerals contain radioactive isotopes. The age of any of these minerals can be determined by counting the isotopes in the mineral and using the known decay rate to calculate the time required in that process. Example: Radiocarbon dating (prueba del carbono 14) LINK Carbono 14

8.2. Medicine. Sterilization of surgical equipment, cancer treatment and study of organs, forensic investigations



8.3. Industry. X-rays to examine steel plates, welding and construction.

8.4. Scientific research and experiments. Study reaction mechanisms and chemical manufacturing.

8.5. Energy source.

8.6. Others. Auxiliary generator for satellites, precision clocks, sterilization of agricultural pests.

ACTIVITIES

Ejercicios

1º Halla la Masa atómica del C, sabiendo que tiene 2 isótopos estables, el C-12 y el C-13, y que la abundancia isotópica de este último es del 1,1%.

Sol.: 12,01 u

2º Sabiendo que la Masa atómica del N es de 14,0067 u, y que existen dos isótopos estables, N-14 y N-15, halla la abundancia isotópica de cada uno de ellos.

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Sol.: 99,6 y 0,4%
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3° Indicate how many protons, neutrons and electrons have the following items. Also indicate, the electric charge. Some of them are isotopes?

 ${}^{1}_{1}H$; ${}^{17}_{8}O$, ${}^{60}_{28}Ni$; ${}^{26}_{13}A1^{3}$ +; ${}^{16}_{8}O$; ${}^{29}_{14}Si$; ${}^{35}_{17}C1$ -; ${}^{2}_{1}H$

4º Haz la configuración electrónica de los átomos anteriores.

5º Explica la diferencia entre los tres tipos de radiaciones radiactivas.

6° ¿Cuál es la principal diferencia entre la fisión y la fusión nuclear?

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