

U2-LM3B-WS – ISOTOPES

- Two atoms of the same elements must have the same number of protons.
- Two atoms of the same element that have different mass numbers are called isotopes. They have different mass numbers if they have a different number of neutrons in their nuclei. All isotopes of an element must have the same number of protons.
- The nuclide symbol of carbon- 12 is: $\frac{12}{6}\text{C}$ and that of carbon-13 is $\frac{13}{6}\text{C}$.
- The higher the mass number, the greater the mass of the atom. Therefore, isotopes of the same element have different masses. One amu is a good approximation of the mass of each a proton and a neutron.
- H-1, H-2, and H-3 are isotopes. They have the same number of protons. However, they have a different number of neutrons. One H-3 atom is approximately 3 times heavier than one H-1 atom.
- The atomic mass reported in the periodic table is the average of all naturally occurring isotopes of the elements.
- Naturally occurring copper consists of two isotopes: 69.1% ^{63}Cu with a mass of 62.9 amu and 30.9% ^{65}Cu , which has a mass of 64.9 amu. Calculate the atomic mass of copper.
 $62.9 \text{ amu} \times .691 + 64.9 \text{ amu} \times .309 = 63.5 \text{ amu}$
- Lithium has two isotopes, one with a mass of 6.015 amu and an abundance of 7.42% and the other with a mass of 7.016 amu and abundance of 92.58%. What is the atomic mass of Li?
 $6.015 \text{ amu} \times .0742 + 7.016 \text{ amu} \times .9258 = 6.942 \text{ amu}$
- Naturally occurring lead is composed of four isotopes, ^{204}Pb with a 1.40% abundance and a mass of 203.97 amu, ^{206}Pb with a 24.10% abundance and a mass of 205.97 amu, ^{207}Pb with a 22.10% abundance and a mass of 206.98 amu and ^{208}Pb with a 52.40% abundance and a mass of 207.98 amu. What is the atomic mass of lead?
 $203.97 \text{ amu} \times .0140 + 205.97 \text{ amu} \times .2410 + 206.98 \text{ amu} \times .2210 + 207.98 \text{ amu} \times .5240 = 207.22 \text{ amu}$
- The atomic weight of boron is 10.811 amu. The mass of the naturally occurring isotopes are $^{10}\text{B} = 10.013 \text{ amu}$ and $^{11}\text{B} = 11.009 \text{ amu}$. Calculate the percentage abundance of each isotope.
Percentage of $^{10}\text{B} = 19.880\%$ Percentage of $^{11}\text{B} = 80.120\%$
 $X(10.013) + (1-X)(11.009) = 10.811$
 $X = .1988$ see below 11 for details
- Silver consists of two isotopes ^{107}Ag with a mass of 106.904 and ^{109}Ag with a mass of 108.905. The atomic mass of silver as reported in the periodic table is 107.868 amu. Calculate the natural percent abundance of each isotope.

Percentage of $^{107}\text{Ag} = 51.8241\%$ Percentage of $^{109}\text{Ag} = 48.1759\%$

fraction of abundance of Ag-107 = X; fraction of abundance of Ag-109 = 1-X, solve for X:

$X(106.904) + (1-X)(108.905) = 107.868$; solve for X, then multiply X by 100% to get abundance of Ag-107. Subtract that value from 100 to get percent abundance Ag-109