

**In the beginning**

Matter has mass and takes up space. Atoms are \_\_\_\_\_ of matter, and cannot be chemically subdivided by ordinary means. The word atom is derived from the Greek word *atomos*, which means \_\_\_\_\_ or uncuttable. The Greeks concluded that matter could be broken down into particles too small to be seen. These particles were called \_\_\_\_\_

**How small is an atom?**

Really really really small! The average atom has a diameter of 0.00000003 cm – or three hundred-millionths of a centimeter. It would take 50,000 stacked aluminum atoms to equal the thickness of a sheet of aluminum foil. Also, there are over 6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (6 x 10<sup>21</sup>) atoms in one drop of water. It would take you about 100 trillion years to count this number out. If we enlarged a penny, or stretched it out, until it was as wide as the US – each of its atoms would be only 3 centimeters across!

**What's an atom made of?**

Even though an atom is really small, it is made of even smaller particles. Basically, it's made of three subatomic particles:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**An Atom's Parts**

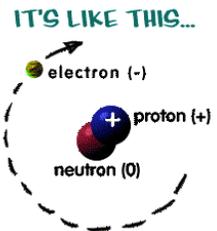
The center of an atom is called the \_\_\_\_\_

The nucleus contains 2 types of particles:

\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (+) charge

\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (0) charge, neutral

Due to the proton's positive charge, the nucleus has is always a positive charge.



**Video Notes: Structure of an Atom**

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**These things are teeny**  
 The mass of a proton is really small, so small in fact, that scientists created a whole new unit for it. A proton has a mass of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 A neutron is actually a little bigger than a proton, but not enough to notice the difference, so we say it also has a mass of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**The Outside of the Atom**  
 Around the center of the atom, we find an electron cloud. The electrons are \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 particles that orbit around the nucleus.  
 Electrons are very small, so small that it takes over 1,800 electrons to equal the mass of 1 proton. Therefore, we usually consider an electron's mass to be 0. So, an electron has a mass of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Overall Balance**

To review, an atom is made up of 3 types of particles which are: Protons (+), Neutrons (0), Electrons (-) Notice that the protons and electrons have opposite charges...what does this mean?

**Nucleus + Charge = Electron - Charge**

It means that these two parts of the atom balance each other out so the atom is electrically \_\_\_\_\_, or has no overall charge. As long as there are an equal number of electrons and protons, the charges cancel.

What is (- 2 ) + ( + 2 ) → 0 (no charge!)

	Position	Charge	Mass
Proton			
Neutron			
Electron			

**How can I remember all of this?**

Protons = Positive (+) Neutrons = Neutral (0) Electrons = - Negative (-)

**Atomic Structure Video Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Chp 12 : Lecture 3: The Atom: sect 2 STRUCTURE OF THE ATOM

Matter has mass and takes up space. Atoms are basic building blocks of matter, and cannot be chemically subdivided by ordinary means. The word atom is derived from the Greek word \_\_\_\_\_ which means **indivisible**. The Greeks concluded that matter could be broken down into particles too small to be seen. These particles were called atoms. \_\_\_\_\_: The smallest piece of an element, which still has the properties of that \_\_\_\_\_ is called an atom. Central core is called a \_\_\_\_\_ and has a \_\_\_\_\_ charge. It is surrounded by an \_\_\_\_\_ which has a \_\_\_\_\_ charge. These 2 parts \_\_\_\_\_ each other out so that the atom is electrically neutral (or has \_\_\_\_\_ electric charge)

Atoms are composed of three types of particles:

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Protons and neutrons** are responsible for most of the atomic mass (example: in a 150 person 149 lbs, 15 oz are protons and neutrons while only 1 oz. is electrons.) In reality the mass of an electron is almost negligible:  $9.108 \times 10^{-28}$  grams. That's why we basically refer to the **mass of an electron as:** \_\_\_\_\_

Both the protons and neutrons are located in the nucleus.

Protons have a positive (+) charge,

neutrons have no charge (-) they are neutral.

Electrons occupy in orbital clouds around the nucleus. They have a negative charge (-).

Parts of an atom:	Particle Profile
_____ in the nucleus _____ (positive) charge	 Name: proton Charge: positive Mass: 1 amu Location: nucleus
_____ in the nucleus _____ (no) charge	 Name: neutron Charge: none Mass: 1 amu Location: nucleus
_____ in the electron cloud _____ (negative) charge	 Name: electron Charge: negative Mass: almost zero Location: electron clouds

The number of protons in an atom is called the \_\_\_\_\_. The elements in the periodic table are arranged according to \_\_\_\_\_. It is the number of protons that determines the atomic number:

H (element hydrogen) = 1. The number of protons in an element is constant (H=1, for 1 proton, 2= He helium, for 2 protons... and so on). This procedure NEVER changes. The protons are the atomic number. They identify the element. The number of protons is equal to the number of electrons so that the element is electrically stable (or balanced)

\_\_\_\_\_: the number of **protons \_\_\_\_\_ to the neutrons.** Mass number can vary for the same element, if the element has different numbers of neutrons. When this happens, these forms of an element are called \_\_\_\_\_. **Chemical properties of isotopes are the same**, although the physical properties of some isotopes may be different. Some isotopes are radioactive-meaning they "radiate" energy as they decay to a more stable form, perhaps another element half-life: time required for half of the atoms of an element to decay into stable form. An example of an isotope is oxygen, with atomic number of 8 which can have 8, 9, or 10 neutrons.

\_\_\_\_\_ is another example. If you take the atomic number 6 and subtract it from the AMU of 14 you find that there are \_\_\_\_\_ **neutrons in the nucleus.**

This is an isotope of Carbon and is a radioactive isotope known as Carbon-14. This radioactive isotope is critical in helping scientists **date plant and animal \_\_\_\_\_** and occurs in every 100,000,000 carbon atoms.

\_\_\_\_\_: Atoms of the same element with different number of neutrons.

6	<-----	_____
<b>C</b>	<-----	_____
Carbon	<-----	_____
12.011	<-----	_____

Isotope of Carbon would have a \_\_\_\_\_ atomic mass because the number of neutrons is not equal to the number of protons

**Remember: number of protons = number of electrons.**

**The atom is electrically \_\_\_\_\_**

The region around the nucleus is called the electron cloud.

The electrons occupy certain energy levels. The farther an energy level from the nucleus, the more energy the electrons will have in it.

1st level = \_\_\_\_\_ electrons

2nd level = \_\_\_\_\_ electrons

3rd level = \_\_\_\_\_ electrons

\_\_\_\_\_: The mass of an atom depends on the number of protons & neutrons it contains

\_\_\_\_\_ = Atomic mass unit

\_\_\_\_\_ is the sum of the protons and neutrons.

\_\_\_\_\_ = mass number MINUS (-) the atomic number

\_\_\_\_\_ = NUMBER of \_\_\_\_\_, which = NUMBER of \_\_\_\_\_