## Parts of an Atom

Atom - is electrically neutral.

- is composed of a nucleus containing protons and neutrons, and electrons that surround the nucleus.

<u>Atomic Number</u> - is the number of protons found in the nucleus of an atom.

<u>Protons</u> - are subatomic particles possessing a positive charge.

<u>Neutrons</u> - are subatomic particles possessing a neutral charge.

<u>Electrons</u> - are subatomic particles possessing a negative charge. For an atom, the electrons are equal to the atomic number.

<u>Isotope</u> - is a form of an element in which the atoms have the same number of protons as all other forms of that element, but it has a **different number of neutrons and therefore a different atomic mass**.

Mass Number - is the sum of the number of protons and neutrons.

Carbon - 6 protons and 6 neutrons has a mass number of 12.

Another isotope of <sup>12</sup>C is <sup>13</sup>C, which has 6 protons and 7 neutrons.

Isotope Notation:

mass #

alomic 6 (6p+, be-, Zn)

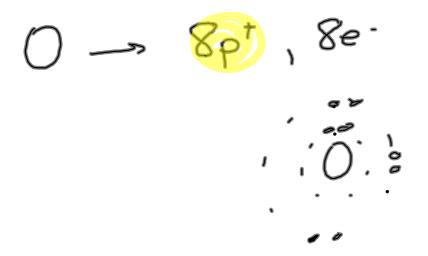
MAIN SUBATOMIC PARTICLES

Particle	Location	Relative Mass	Charge
proton	nucleus	1 a.m.u.	+
neutron	nucleus	1 a.m.u.	none
electron	outside nucleus	small	-

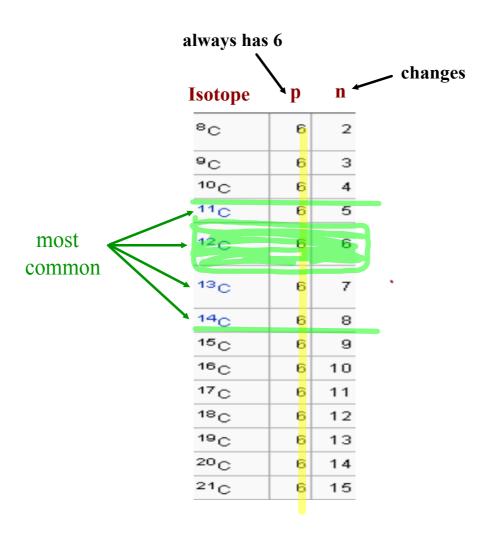
Protons + 1 a.m.u. 8

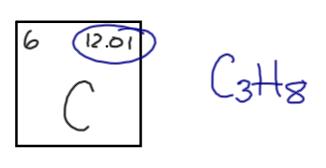
Neutrons - 0

Electrons



## **Isotopes of Carbon**





## **Calculating Atomic Mass**

To calculate the atomic mass of an element, multiply the mass of each isotope by its natural abundance, expressed as a decimal, and then add the products.

Ex. Carbon has two stable isotopes: carbon - 12 (12.000 amu) which has natural abundance of 98.89%,and carbon - 13 (13.003 amu), which has natural abundance of 1.11%. What is the atomic mass of carbon?

$$12.000(0.9889) + 13.003(0.011)$$

$$= 12.01$$

## Homework

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