

Elements

The *atomic number* (Z, # protons, p^+) can be used to identify the type of element being studied on the periodic table

Atomic number	26
Chemical symbol	Fe
Element name	Iron
Atomic mass	55.847

Atomic Number

of p^+ and e^-

Determines name and symbol of element

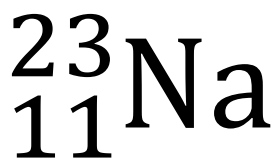
Avg Atomic Mass

The *mass* of an atom in atomic mass units (*amu*)

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Isotope Notation

Isotopes are commonly written in two notation forms, based on the Atomic Number, Mass Number, and/or number of neutrons (n^0)


 ${}_{11}^{23}\text{Na}$

Sodium-23

23 = Mass Number (*Top*)
 11 = Atomic Number (*Bottom*)
 Na = Element (*Sodium*)

23 = Mass Number (*Left*)
 Sodium = Element (*Na*)
 Also: Na-23

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Isotope Recap

Isotopes are Based on the Following Recap Table

Isotope Notation



Element A - X

Subatomic Particles

Y = Atomic Number

Element Name, Element Symbol (A)

Number protons (p^+)

Number electrons (e^-)

X = Mass Number

Protons (p^+) + Neutrons (n^0)

Neutrons (n^0) = Mass # - Atomic #

Neutrons (n^0) = X - Y

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Subatomic Particles

Counting Valence Electrons (e^-) [*Representative Groups*]

Valence Electrons are based on group on the table

Group	Name	Val e^-	Group		Val e^-
1A (1)	Alkali Metals	1	5A (15)	Pnictogens	5
2A (2)	Alkali Earth Metals	2	6A (16)	Chalcogens	6
3A (13)	Earth Metals	3	7A (17)	Halogens	7
4A (14)	Carbon Group	4	8A (18)	Noble Gases	8

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Subatomic Particles

Counting Valence Electrons (e^-) [*Transition Metals*]

Valence Electrons are based on group on the table

Transition Metals can have 1 – 7 valence electrons (*base 2*)

Group	3B (3)	4B (4)	5B (5)	6B (6)	7B (7)	8B (8)	8B (9)	8B (10)	1B (11)	2B (12)
Element	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
Possible Valence electron	3	3 4	2 3 4 5	2 3 4 6	2 3 4 5 7	2 3 6	2 3	2 3	1 2 3	2

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Subatomic Particles

Ion Charge

Charge of an ion is based on the group on the periodic table

Cation (+ ion): Ions formed due to gaining electrons (*metals*)

Anion (- ion): Ions formed due to losing electrons (*non-metals*)

Group	Val e^-	Charge	Group	Val e^-	Charge	Group	Val e^-	Charge
1A (1)	1	1+	3A (13)	3	3+	6A (16)	6	2-
2A (2)	2	2+	4A (14)	4	4+ / 4-	7A (17)	7	1-
1B – 10B (3 – 12)	2 (Varies)	Varies	5A (15)	5	3-	8A (18)	8	No Charge

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Periodic Blocks

Representative Elements

Elements that lose (*cation*, +) or gain (*anion*, -) a fixed number of valence electrons (val e⁻)

Representative Metals

Groups 1A (1), 2A (2), and Al
Lose a fixed number of electrons

Metalloids

B, Si, Ge, As, Sb, Te, Po, At (*Zig Zag Line*)
Can lose (*cation*, +) or gain (*anion*, -) electrons (e⁻)

representative elements

representative

Representative Non-Metals

Groups 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, and 8A
(*Above Zig-Zag Line*)
Gain a fixed number of electrons

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Periodic Blocks

Transition Elements

Elements in the *b groups* on the periodic table

The following elements below the zig-zag line are commonly also considered transition elements

3A (13): In, Tl
4A (14): Sn, Pb
5A (15): Bi

Locate the transition metals

electron configuration: [Ar] 3d⁶ 4s²

Legend:

- alkali metals
- alkaline metals
- other metals
- transition metals
- lanthanoids
- actinoids
- metalloids
- nonmetals
- halogens
- noble gases
- unknown elements

Transition Elements

Groups 1B (3) – 10B (12)

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Periodic Blocks

Rare Earth Elements

Elements in the very bottom (*extended table, center*) of the table. Rare Earth elements are commonly unstable with no or few stable *isotopes*. These elements are common in nuclear radiation (*U, Pu, Ac, Ce, etc.*)

Lanthanide Series	57 La Lanthanum 138.905	58 Ce Cerium 140.116	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.908	60 Nd Neodymium 144.242	61 Pm Promethium (145)	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.925	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.500	67 Ho Holmium 164.930	68 Er Erbium 167.259	69 Tm Thulium 168.934	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.045	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967
Actinide Series	89 Ac Actinium (227)	90 Th Thorium 232.038	91 Pa Protactinium 231.036	92 U Uranium 238.029	93 Np Neptunium (237)	94 Pu Plutonium (244)	95 Am Americium (243)	96 Cm Curium (247)	97 Bk Berkelium (247)	98 Cf Californium (251)	99 Es Einsteinium (252)	100 Fm Fermium (257)	101 Md Mendelevium (258)	102 No Nobelium (259)	103 Lr Lawrencium (266)

Rare Earth Elements consist of two groups: *Lanthanides* and *Actinides*

Elements above Uranium (*U*) are called *trans-uranium elements* and (*with exception of Np and Pu*) do not occur in nature naturally.

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Formation of Ions

Comparing Ionization Energy and Electron Affinity

Energy required to remove an electron from atom to form an ion

Element Type	Ionization Energy	Electron Affinity
Metals (0 – 4 Valence Electrons)	Low IE (<i>easy to lose e⁻</i>) Atoms want to lose e ⁻	Low EA (<i>Low desire to gain e⁻</i>) Atoms don't want e ⁻
Non-Metals (5 – 8 Valence Electrons)	High IE (<i>hard to lose e⁻</i>) Atoms don't want to lose e ⁻	High EA (<i>High desire to gain e⁻</i>) Atoms want to gain e ⁻

In general: Atoms always want to lose heat (*q*), - to become more stable

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Atomic Stability – Z-Ratio ($n^0:p^+$ Ratio)

The Stability of an isotope of an atom is based on the relationship between protons (p^+) and neutrons (n^0) in an atom. Atoms with too many or too new n^0 will become unstable.

Z-Ratio

Ratio between the protons (p^+) and neutrons (n^0) in the atom.

$$\text{Z-Ratio} = \frac{\#n^0 (\text{neutrons})}{\#p^+ (\text{protons})}$$

Most stable isotopes of elements have the following ratios:

Small (1 – 20): 1.0 – 1.2

Large (55 – 82): 1.4 – 1.5

Medium (1 – 54): 1.2 – 1.3

No Stable Isotopes Above 82

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Solving for Half-Life

The following are equations to solve for particles at given half-life

$$N(t) = \frac{N_0}{0.5^n} \quad N(t) = N_0 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{t}{t_{1/2}}}$$

n = number of HL

$N(t)$ = quantity remaining

t = elapsed time

N_0 = initial quantity

$t_{1/2}$ = half-life of the substance

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