

Exercises Series N°1

Exercise 1 :

- 1) Give the number of protons, neutrons and electrons for the following atoms:
 ${}^{12}_6\text{C}$, ${}^{13}_6\text{C}$, ${}^{14}_6\text{C}$, ${}^{19}_9\text{F}$, ${}^{23}_{11}\text{Na}$, ${}^{27}_{13}\text{Al}$, ${}^{79}_{35}\text{Br}$, ${}^{81}_{35}\text{Br}$, ${}^{16}_8\text{O}$, ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$.
- 2) Are there isotopes among these atoms?
- 3) Deduce the number of electrons and the symbolic notation (mass number A and atomic number Z) for the ions : F^- , O^{2-} , Na^+ , Al^{3+} .

Exercise 2 :

Let's consider the element Calcium (${}^{40}_{20}\text{Ca}$).

- 1) Define the atomic mass unit (a.m.u), calculate its value.
- 2) Deduce the mass of the proton, neutron, and electron in this unit.
- 3) Determine, in a.m.u, the mass of the nucleus, then that of the atom of the element Calcium. Conclude.
- 4) Calculate the molar atomic mass of this element.

Data : $m_p = 1,6723842 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{g}$; $m_n = 1,6746887 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{g}$; $m_e = 9,109534 \cdot 10^{-28} \text{g}$.

Exercise 3 :

I) Calculate the average mass of natural iron, knowing that it is a mixture of four isotopes.

Isotope	Mass (amu)	Abundance (%)
${}^{54}\text{Fe}$	53,939	05,22
${}^{56}\text{Fe}$	55,935	91,66
${}^{57}\text{Fe}$	56,935	02,1
${}^{58}\text{Fe}$	57,933	0,33

II) Natural gallium consists of two isotopes: ${}^{69}\text{Ga}$ and ${}^{71}\text{Ga}$, with masses of 68,9256 amu and 70,9247 amu, respectively. Knowing that there is 60,11% of ${}^{69}\text{Ga}$, what is the average atomic mass of natural gallium?

Exercise 4 :

Natural copper ($Z=29$) consists of two isotopes : ${}^{A1}\text{Cu}$ and ${}^{A2}\text{Cu}$, with respective atomic masses of 62,9296 amu and 64,9278 amu. The average atomic mass of natural copper is equal to 63,546 amu.

- 1) Deduce A_1 and A_2 .
- 2) Provide the composition of the nucleus of each isotope.
- 3) Calculate the relative abundance of each isotope.
- 4) Calculate, in Joules and eV, the binding energy of each isotope.
- 5) Give, with justification, the stability order of the nuclei of the two isotopes.

Data : $m_n = 1,00867 \text{ amu}$; $m_p = 1,00728 \text{ amu}$; $C = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

Exercise 5 :

Silicon ($Z=14$) is a mixture of three stable isotopes: ${}^{28}\text{Si}$, ${}^{29}\text{Si}$, ${}^{30}\text{Si}$; the natural isotopic abundance of the most abundant isotope is 92,23%. The average mass of natural silicon is 28,085 amu.

- 1) Provide the nuclear composition of each isotope.
- 2) Calculate the abundance of the other two isotopes.
- 3) Calculate, in MeV, the binding energy of each isotope.
- 4) Which is the most stable isotope?

Data: Masses in amu: ${}^{28}\text{Si} = 27,977$; ${}^{29}\text{Si} = 28,976$; ${}^{30}\text{Si} = 29,974$.