

Isotopes 1

KEY

1. Complete the following table for the neutral isotopes below:

Isotope Name	Isotope Symbol	Atomic #	Mass #	# protons	# electrons	# neutrons
phosphorus-31	$^{31}_{15}\text{P}$	15	31	15	15	16
Cobalt-58	$^{58}_{27}\text{Co}$	27	58	27	27	31
Cobalt-60	$^{60}_{27}\text{Co}$	27	60	27	27	33
Astatine-208	$^{208}_{85}\text{At}$	85	208	85	85	123

2. Rubidium has two naturally-occurring isotopes: Rb-85 (isotopic mass = 84.912 u) and Rb-87 (isotopic mass = 86.909 u). Calculate the average atomic mass of Rubidium if Rubidium-85 makes up 72.17% of natural Rubidium.

(Compare this to the value given on the periodic table.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Rb-85} &= 72.17\% \\ \text{Rb-87} &= 27.83\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Avg. atomic Mass} &= (0.7217)(84.912\text{u}) + (0.2783)(86.909\text{u}) \\ &= 61.28 + 24.19 = \boxed{85.47\text{u}} \end{aligned}$$

(Matches Avg. Atomic Mass on the P.T.)

3. Naturally occurring bromine is composed of two isotopes, Br-79 with an isotopic mass of 78.918 amu, and Br-81, with an isotopic mass of 80.916 amu. Calculate the percent abundance of both Bromine isotopes. Report the final answers with 4 significant figures.

$$(78.918)x + (80.916)(1-x) = 79.90$$

$$78.918x + 80.916 - 80.916x = 79.90$$

$$-1.998x = -1.016$$

$$x = 0.5085$$

$$\boxed{50.85\% \text{ Br-79} \quad 49.15\% \text{ Br-81}}$$