## Atomic Structure Notes

## Atoms:

- Smallest particle of an element that has all the properties of that element.
-     - Atoms are the basic building bloc of matter that make up everyday objects.
- 2 main parts of an atom:

Nucleus-99.9\% of the atom's mass
Electron cloud or energy rings

- Atoms are made of subatomic particles: protons, neutrons, \& electrons

Atoms are composed of three primary particles: protons, neutrons, and electrons

| Particle | Symbol | Location | Electrical <br> Charge | Relative <br> Mass <br> (amu) | How do you <br> find out <br> how many? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Electron |  |  |  |  |  |

Proton


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| Particle | Symbol | Location | Electrical Charge | Relative Mass (amu) | How do you find out how many? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Electron | e- | Orbits nucleus in energy levels | $\begin{gathered} -1 \\ \text { (negative) } \end{gathered}$ | 1/1840 | Atoms are neutral and therefore have the same \# of electrons as protons |
| Proton | $\mathrm{P}^{+}$ | Inside Nucleus | $\begin{gathered} +1 \\ \text { (positive) } \end{gathered}$ | 1 | Atomic \# (\# of protons in an atom's nucleus), Element specific |
| Neutron | $\mathrm{n}^{\circ}$ | Inside Nucleus | 0 <br> (no charge) neutral) | 1 | Mass \# minus atomic \# |

## Electron Energy Levels

There is a unique number of electrons that can fit in each electron level.

## Energy Level <br> How many electrons it holds up to

1
2
3
2

8
18

## Determining Atomic Structure Using the Periodic Table



## Chemical Symbol

 Element Name
## Atomic Number

 Atomic Mass \#: The weighted average mass of all the isotopes (different versions) of an atom of a specific element; measured in atomic mass units, amu.Mass \#: Atomic Mass Number rounded to the nearest whole number.

## ATOMIC STRUCTURE DIAGRAMS

Step 1: Complete the squares for each element by adding the atomic number, name and atomic mass.

- Write the atomic number at the top of the square.
- Write the element's name under the symbol.
- Write the atomic mass at the bottom of the square.

Step 2: Determine the number of protons, neutrons, and electrons in each element.

Step 3: Create an atomic structure diagram for each element.

Step 4: Draw the Bonding Structure for each element.


