## Thermal Physics

## Atoms

Atoms consist of electrons and protons. The electrons are negatively charged and the protons are positively charged. The size of one atom is around 0.1nm or  $0.1 \times 10^{-9}$  meters known as one Ångström.

A neutral atom has an equal number of protons and electrons, referred to as its atomic number, When an atom loses or gains an electron itt becomes an ion. When noting isotopes we use  ${}_{Z}^{A}X^{+}$  where Z in the proton number, A is the nucleon number and X is the chemical symbol.

The number of neutrons can be found with  $\{N = A - Z\}$ .

as Atoms are very small the amount of atoms can be defined with a mole or avogadro's constant  $6.022\,141\,5\times10^{23}$  atoms per mole.

atoms mass can be represented with the atomic mass unit  $1.660\,540\,2 \times 10^{-27}$  kg. Molar mass, M (g/mol), is mass per mole.

$$M \equiv \frac{m}{n}$$

where m is the mass of an atom and n is the number of atoms in a mole.