CHEM111 General Chemistry I

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Atomic theory

Elements are made up of atoms
Atoms of a given element are "identical",
Same number of protons and electrons

A compound is formed when two or more different elements combine chemically

Chemical reactions cause atoms to rearrange/change the way in which they are bonded together

Atomic Structure

Element

Atoms- retain properties of the element

Atomic number (Z) = number of protons

Mass number (A) = protons + neutrons

Isotope: Atoms of same element with different masses (different # of neutrons)

Common isotopes of carbon

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An atom that has lost or gained an electron(s) or a group of atoms that has a net positive or negative charge.