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Problem Set #4 – Average Mass & Molecular Nomenclature

Solve the following problems and report your final answer using the correct number of significant figures. Show all work!

1. The element "witchium" has three isotopes: ^{123}Wi , ^{127}Wi , and ^{128}Wi , which are present in the following relative abundances: 43%, 21%, and 36%. Find the average mass of witchium.

$$(123 \text{ amu} \times 0.43) + (127 \text{ amu} \times 0.21) + (128 \text{ amu} \times 0.36)$$

$$53 \text{ amu} + 27 \text{ amu} + 46 \text{ amu} = \boxed{126 \text{ amu}}$$

2. Use the table to determine the average atomic mass of mercury.

Isotope	Atomic mass (amu)	natural abundance (%)
^{196}Hg	195.965	$0.15 / 100 = 0.29$
^{198}Hg	197.967	$9.97 / 100 = 19.7$
^{199}Hg	198.968	$16.87 / 100 = 33.57$
^{200}Hg	199.968	$23.10 / 100 = 46.19$
^{201}Hg	200.970	$13.18 / 100 = 26.49$
^{202}Hg	201.971	$29.86 / 100 = 60.31$
^{204}Hg	203.973	$6.87 / 100 = 14.0$
		+
		200.6 amu

3. The average mass of neon is 20.18 amu. Ne occurs in two isotopes: ^{20}Ne and ^{22}Ne . What are the relative abundances (in %) of these two isotopes?

$$^{20}\text{Ne} = x\%$$

$$^{22}\text{Ne} = (100 - x)\%$$

$$\frac{20x + 22(100 - x)}{100} = 20.18 \text{ amu}$$

$$20x + 2200 - 22x = 2018$$

$$-2x = -182$$

$$x = 91$$

$$\boxed{^{20}\text{Ne} = 91\%}$$

$$\boxed{^{22}\text{Ne} = 9\%}$$

4. The average mass of chromium's isotopes is 52.00 amu. ^{53}Cr has an exact atomic mass of 52.94 amu and an abundance of 15.00%. ^{51}Cr has an exact atomic mass of 51.05 and an abundance of 5.50%. What is the exact mass of ^{52}Cr ?

$$\overset{^{53}\text{Cr}}{(52.94 \text{ amu} \times 0.15)} + (\overset{^{52}\text{Cr}}{0.795x}) + (\overset{^{51}\text{Cr}}{51.05 \text{ amu} \times 0.055}) = 52.00 \text{ amu}$$

$$0.795x = 41.25125 \text{ amu}$$

$$x = 51.89 \text{ amu}$$

5. Complete the following chart

Name	Formula	Molecular Weight
Phosphorus triiodide	PI_3	411.67 amu
Carbon tetrahydride	CH_4	16.05 amu
Dinitrogen Pentoxide	N_2O_5	108.02 amu
Sulfur hexafluoride	SF_6	146.07 amu
Carbon Monoxide	CO	28.01 amu
Carbon tetrachloride	CCl_4	153.81 amu
Chlorine	Cl_2	70.90 amu
dicarbon tetrahydride	C_2H_4	28.06 amu