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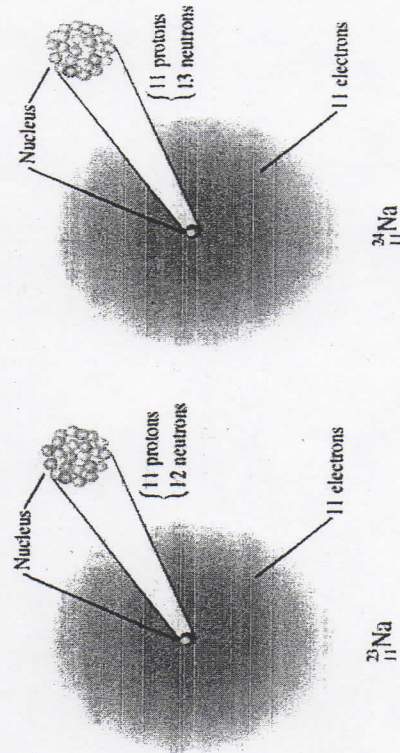
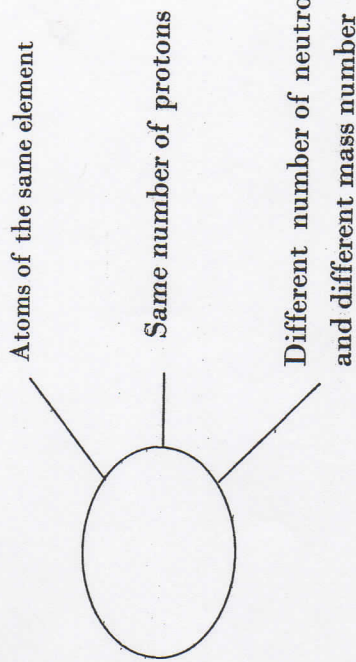
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GLOSSARY

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Positive electrode

Cathode

negative electrode

Cathode ray tube

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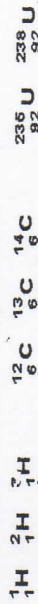
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❖ isotopic abundance: # atoms of isotope present / # atoms of element present

isotope	natural abundance	mass (amu)
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Calculating Average Atomic mass:

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mass number percent abundance

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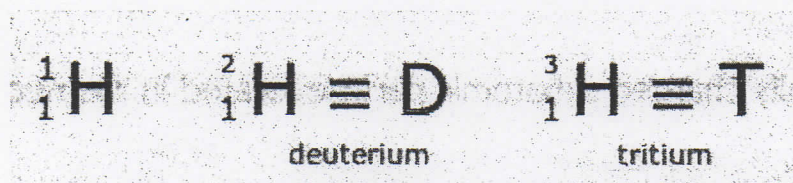
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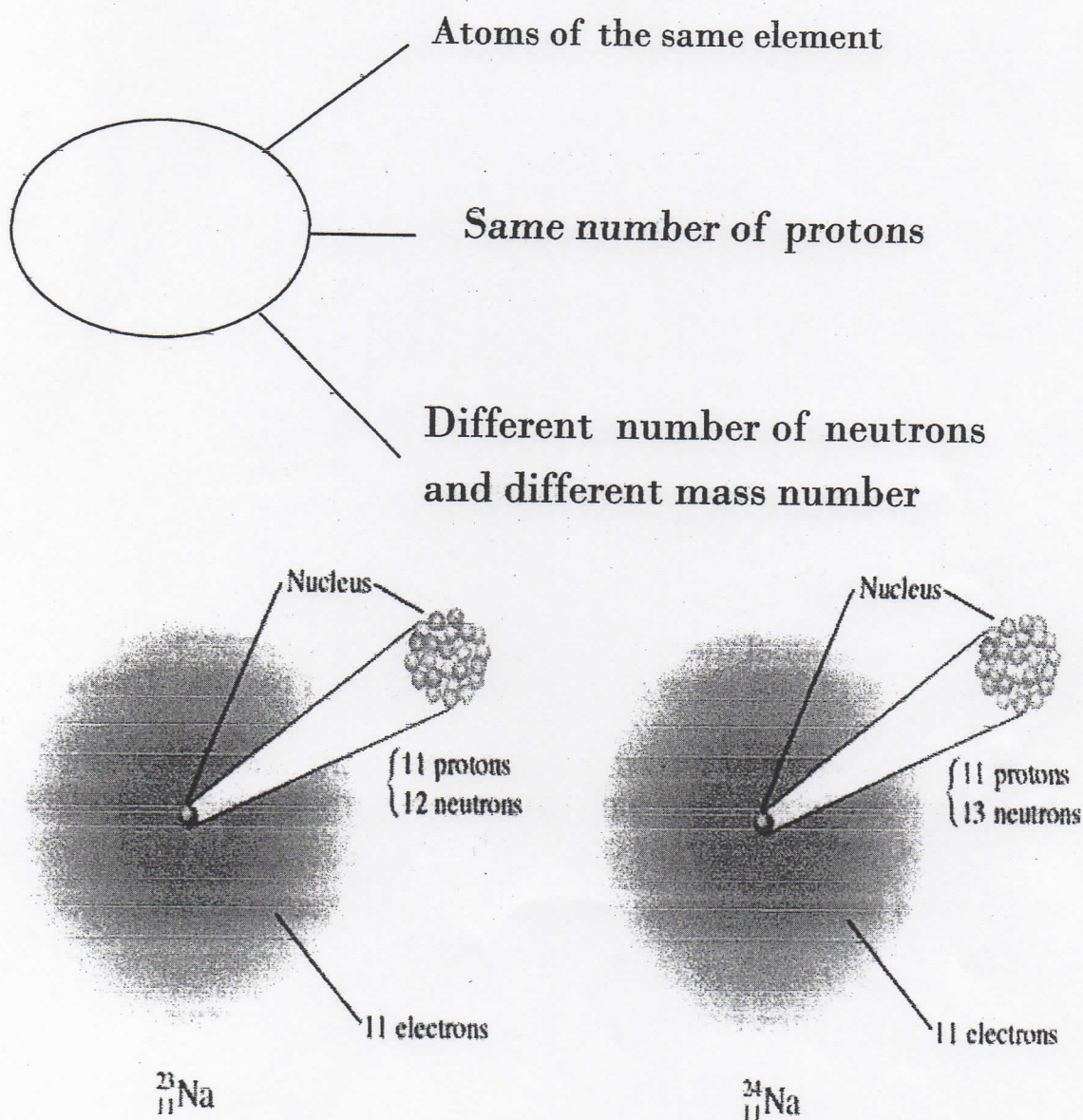
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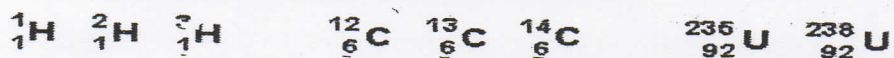
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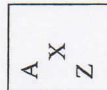
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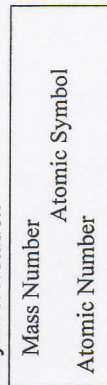
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Atomic Symbol Notation



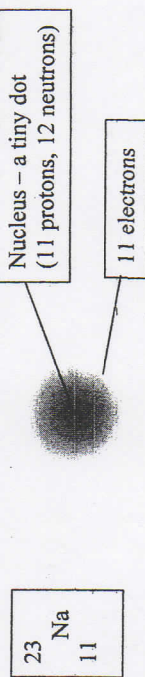
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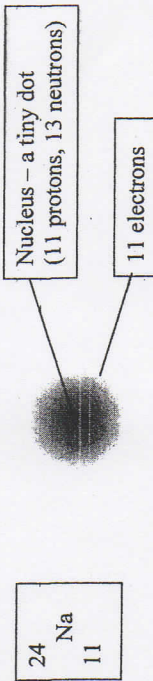
Model: Two Isotopes of Sodium

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Problems

1. The radius of a Cl nucleus is 4.0 fm, and the radius of a Cl atom is 100 pm. (1 fm = 1×10^{-15} m; 1 pm = 1×10^{-12} m). How many times larger is the diameter of the Chlorine atom than the diameter of the Chlorine nucleus?
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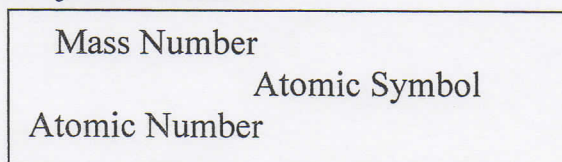
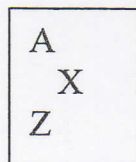
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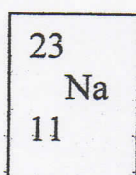


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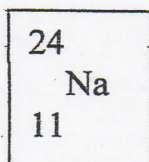
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