# UNIT 2

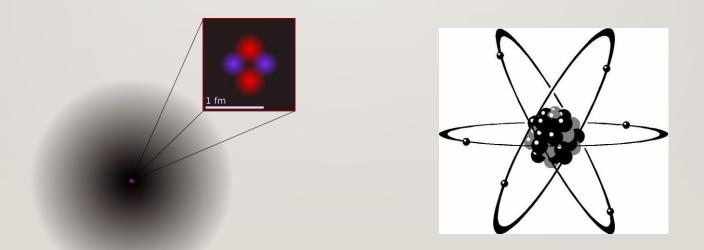
BIOCHEMISTRY: ATOMIC STRUCTURE, WATER PROPERTIES, MACROMOLECULES, & ENZYMES

# UNIT 2 (BIOCHEMISTRY) TOPIC I: ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR STRUCTURE

- By the end of this topic, you should be able to...
  - I. Label an atom and it's subatomic particles
  - 2. Identify the charge of each subatomic particle
  - 3. Differentiate between different types of bonds (covalent & ionic)
  - 4. Explain the similarities and differences between the following terms: atom, ion, element, compound, molecule
  - 5. List the six main elements in living things

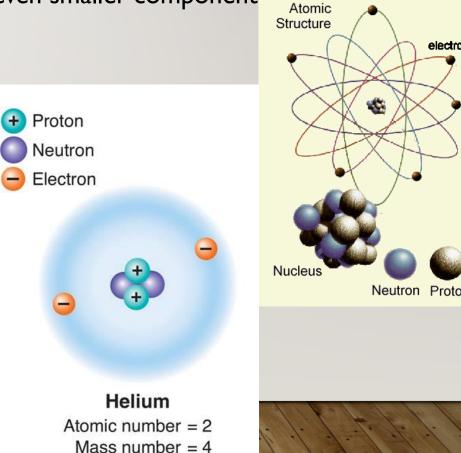
# ATOMS

- What is an atom?
  - Basic unit of matter
  - **Smallest** particle of an element that contains all properties of that element (92 occur in nature)

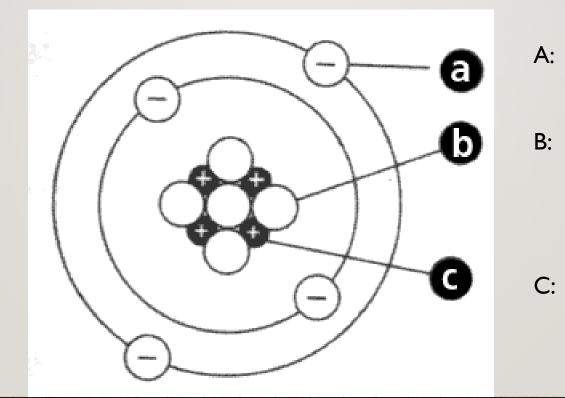


# SUBATOMIC PARTICLES

- While an atom is the smallest unit of matter, it is made of even smaller components (subatomic particles)
  - Proton: positive charge (+); located in the nucleus of atom
  - Neutron: neutral/no charge(0); in the nucleus of atom
  - Electron: negative charge(-); surrounds nucleus of atom



# LABEL THE FOLLOWING ATOM:



# NEUTRONS

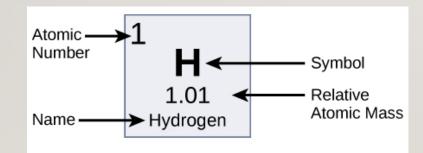
- Atoms of the same element may have different numbers of neutrons
  - If this is the case, we are looking at **isotopes** of that element
    - Isotope: each of two or more forms of the same element that contain <u>equal numbers of protons but</u> <u>different numbers of neutrons</u> in their nuclei, and hence <u>differ in relative atomic mass</u> but not in chemical properties; in particular, a **radioactive** form of an element.

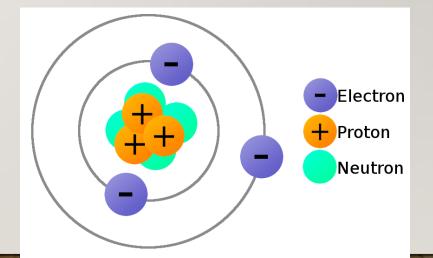
Isotopes of Carbon		
Nonradioactive carbon-12	Nonradioactive carbon-13	Radioactive carbon-14
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6 electrons	6 electrons	6 electrons
6 protons	6 protons	6 protons
6 neutrons	7 neutrons	8 neutrons

### PROTONS

- Atoms of the same element must all have the same number of protons in the nucleus of the element
- The number of protons is also equal to the **atomic number**
- The number of protons is balanced by the number of

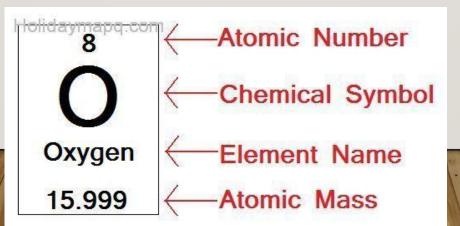
electrons



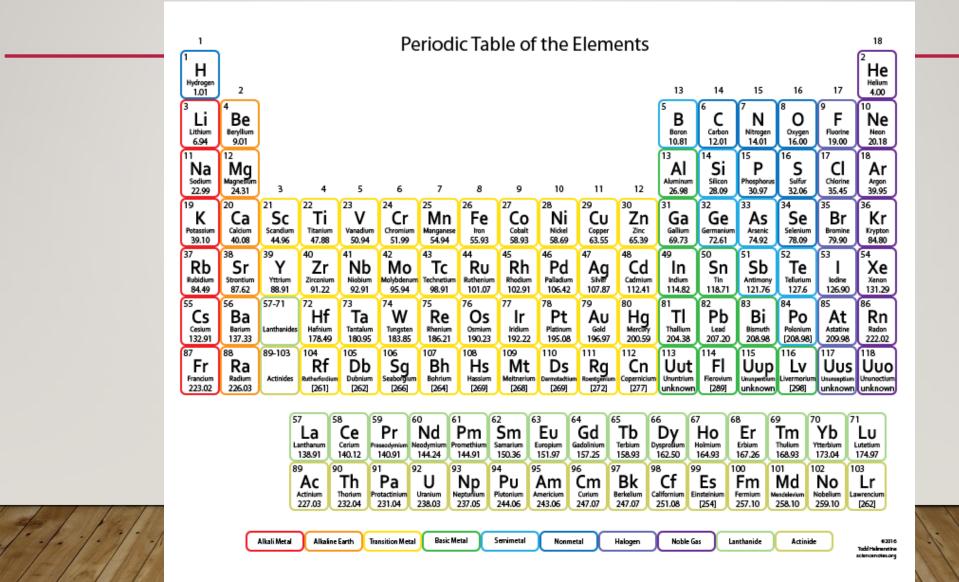


# **PERIODIC TABLE INFORMATION**

- Atomic number = number of protons
- Atomic mass = number of protons + number of neutrons (essentially, add together everything found in the nucleus)
  - Protons & neutrons each have a mass of I amu (atomic mass unit)
  - Mass of electrons is negligible, so we do not add that in

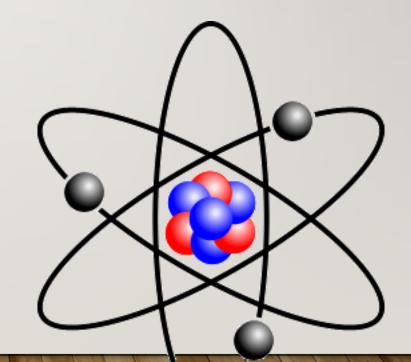


### **EXAMINING THE PERIODIC TABLE**



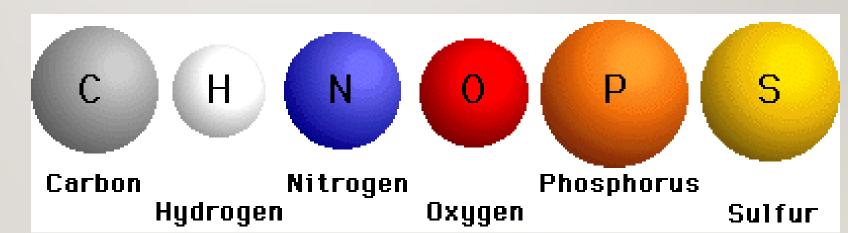
# ELECTRONS

- Electrons are negatively charged subatomic particles that surround the nucleus of an atom
  - Little to no mass (not included in atomic mass)
  - Travel at high speeds around the nucleus
  - Play a large role in chemical bonding



# ELEMENTS

- 92 natural elements
- An element is composed of only one type of atom
- Six main elements in living things:
  - Carbon
  - Hydrogen
  - Nitrogen
  - Oxygen
  - Phosphorus
  - Sulfur



# CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS

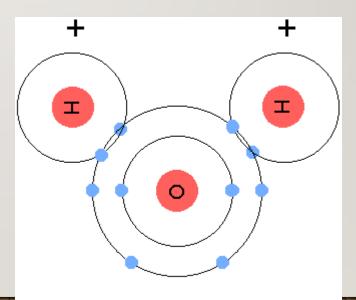
- Atoms are the basic unit of matter
- Elements are made of atoms of one type
- Compounds are formed by the chemical combination of two (or more) elements in definite proportions
  - Compounds are chemically joined, so they differ from the elements that they are made of (H<sub>2</sub>O is very different than hydrogen and oxygen on their own)
  - Chemical formulas are used to show the kind and proportion of atoms of each element in the compound

### CHEMICAL FORMULAS

- Subscript after a symbol tell the number of atoms of each element
- H<sub>2</sub>O has 2 atoms of hydrogen & I atom of oxygen
- Coefficients before a formula tell the number of molecules
  - $3O_2$  represents 3 molecules of oxygen or (3x2) or 6 atoms of oxygen

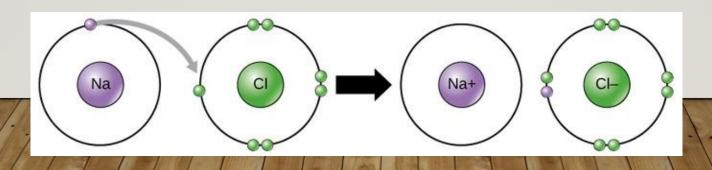
## CHEMICAL BONDS

- Atoms in a compound are held together by chemical bonds
  - The electrons in the outermost shell that are used to form these bonds are called valence electrons
- Types of bonds:
  - Ionic (electrons gained/lost, ions formed)
  - Covalent (electrons shared)
  - Hydrogen (weak- discuss later)



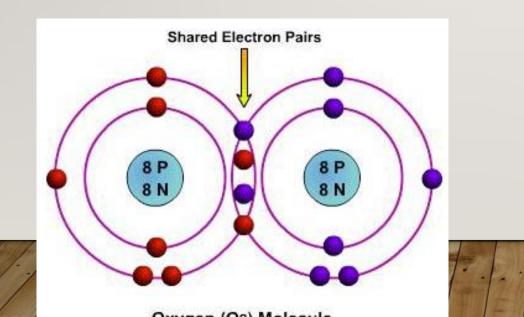
# **IONIC BONDS**

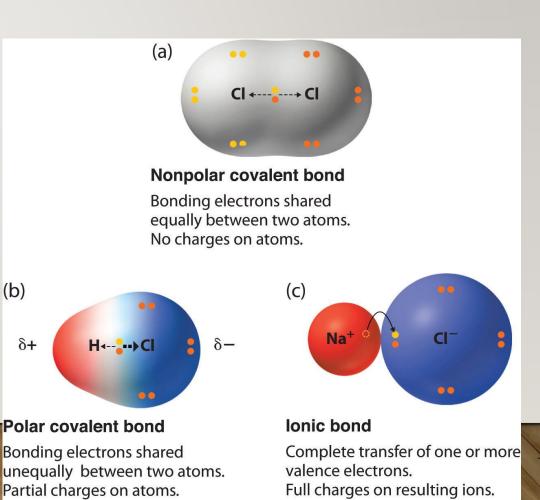
- Oppositely charged ions are attracted to one another
  - Ion = atom that has gained or lost an electron
    - Positive ions have lost electrons (now there are more protons than electrons, giving this ion a positive charge)
    - Negative ions have gained electrons (now there are fewer protons than electrons, giving this ion a negative charge)
- Electrons are transferred



## COVALENT BONDS

- Two atoms combine by sharing electrons
- No net charge
- Strength of bond depends on # of e- shared





# MOLECULES

- Atom smallest unit of matter
- Element made of one type of atom
- Compound two or more elements chemically bonded together
- Molecule two or more atoms joined together chemically
  - All compounds are molecules, but not all molecules are compounds

### VAN DER WAALS FORCES

• When molecules are close together, a slight attraction can develop between the oppositely charged regions of nearby molecules.

