

Task:

Cl has 2 isotopes atomic mass units 34.97 and 36.97 and relative abundance of the isotope is 0.755 and 0.245 find average atomic mass of chlorine

Solution:

The average atomic mass of chlorine is

$$AW_{\text{average}} = x_1 \cdot AW_1 + x_2 \cdot AW_2$$

x_1 – the fraction of the first isotope

x_2 – the fraction of the second isotope

AW_1 – atomic weight of the first isotope

AW_2 – atomic weight of the second isotope

$$AW_{\text{average}} = 0.755 \cdot 34.97 + 0.245 \cdot 36.97 = 35.46 \text{ g/mol}$$

Answer: $AW_{\text{average}} = 35.46 \text{ g/mol}$