

1 mole = No. of atoms in 12 grams of Carbon-12

1 mole = 6.022×10^{23} atoms

$\therefore 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms have mass = 12 g/mol

1 atom of carbon-12 has mass = $\frac{12}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$ grams

\therefore 1 atom with relative mass 1, has mass = $\frac{1}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$ g

So 1 atom with relative mass 4g, has mass = $\frac{4g}{6.022 \times 10^{23}}$

This equals 8.1368×10^{-23} grams

Converting to kg, this is 8.1368×10^{-26} kg



In a TOF mass spectrometer the time of flight, t , of an ion is shown by the equation:

$$t = d \sqrt{\frac{m}{2E}}$$

In this equation d is the length of the flight tube, m is the mass, in kg, of an ion and E is the kinetic energy of the ions.

In this spectrometer, the kinetic energy of an ion in the flight tube is 1.013×10^{-13} J. The time of flight of a $^{47}\text{Ti}^+$ ion is 9.816×10^{-7} s

- b) Calculate the time of flight of the $^{47}\text{Ti}^+$ ion. Give your answer to the appropriate number of significant figures.

↪ This question has two variables as both d and t for the $^{47}\text{Ti}^+$ ion are not known.

- ① Use the data given to find the length of the flight tube, d :

$$t^2 = d^2 \times \frac{m}{2E} \quad \Rightarrow \quad d^2 = \frac{t^2 \times 2E}{m}$$

m is taken from part (a).

$$d^2 = \frac{(9.816 \times 10^{-7})^2 \times 2 \times 1.013 \times 10^{-13}}{8.13 \dots \times 10^{-26}}$$

As a check, the lighter ion should travel the same distance faster.

$$d^2 = 2.399 \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 1.548 \dots \text{ m}$$

- ② Use d to find t for the $^{47}\text{Ti}^+$ ion:

mass of $^{47}\text{Ti}^+$ ion = $1.66 \dots \times 10^{-24} \times 47$ *using data from part (a).*

$$= 7.80 \dots \times 10^{-23}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 1.54 \dots \times \sqrt{\frac{7.80 \times 10^{-23}}{2 \times 1.013 \times 10^{-13}}} = 9.613 \dots \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{9.614 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}}$$

