

New Element Discovered

The heaviest element known to man was recently discovered by a team of UBC physicists. The element, tentatively called "Administratium", has no protons or electrons and has an atomic weight of zero. However it does have one neutron, 70 vice neutrons and 161 assistant vice neutrons. This gives it an atomic mass of 232. These 232 particles are held together in a nucleus that involves the continuous exchange of meson-like particles called morons.

As it has no electrons, Administratium is inert. However, it can be detected chemically, because it impedes every reaction it comes into contact with. According to researchers a minute amount of Administratium added to one reaction takes four days to complete, where previously it took 1 second.

Administratium has a normal half-life of approximately three years, at which time it does not actually decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which neutrons, vice neutrons and assistant vice neutrons exchange places. Some studies show that the mass number actually increases after each transformation.

Research indicates Administratium occurs naturally in the atmosphere. It tends to concentrate in certain locations, notably government agencies, large corporations and university senates. Ironically it can usually be found in the newest and most lavishly appointed buildings.

Scientists warn that Administratium is known to be toxic: they recommend plenty of fluids and bed rest after even low levels of exposure.