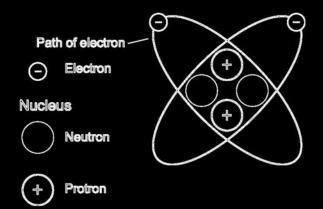


## The helium atom



Helium (He) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, nontoxic, nearly inert monatomic chemical element that heads the noble gas series in the periodic table and whose atomic number is 2. Its boiling and melting points are the lowest among the elements and it exists only as a gas except in extreme conditions.

Helium is the second most abundant and second lightest element in the universe and was one of the elements created in the Big Bang. In the modern universe almost all new helium is created as a result of the nuclear fusion of hydrogen in stars. On Earth it is created



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