# Atoms and Their Structure





## History of the atom

The first recorded idea of the atom cam about in Ancient Greece (400 B.C.)
 Democritus and Leucippus were the

Greek philosophers responsible

# History of Atom

- Democritus Looked at a beach
- Looked at the sand and throught...
- If I cut these granules of sand, surely there will be a point when I can no longer cut it.

Smallest possible piece?

Coined the wordAtomos - not to be cut



## Another Greek

Around the same time as Democritus, Aristotle - a famous philosopher had a very different idea about what everything was made of

- All substances are made of 4 elements
- Fire Hot
- Air light
- Earth cool, heavy
- Water wet
- His idea was to blend these in different proportions to get all substances

# Who Was Right?

- Greek society was slave based
- Beneath Famous to work with hands
- did not experiment
- Greeks settled disagreements by argument
- Aristotle was more famous
- He won
- His ideas carried through middle ages.
- Alchemists change lead to gold

#### Who's Next?

Late 1700's - John Dalton- England
Teacher- summarized results of his experiments and those of other's
He created his own Theory: Dalton's Atomic Theory
Combined ideas of elements with that of atoms

# Dalton's Atomic Theory

# Law of Definite Proportions (#3)

- Each compound has a specific ratio of elements
- It is a ratio by mass
- Water is always 8 grams of oxygen for each gram of hydrogen

#### Parts of the Atom

- J. J. Thomson English physicist. 1897
- Made a piece of equipment called a cathode ray tube.
- It is a vacuum tube all the air has been pumped out.































By adding an electric field he found that the moving pieces were negative

# Thomsom's Model

#### Found the electron

- Couldn't find positive (for a while)
- Said the atom was like plum pudding
- A bunch of positive stuff, with the electrons able to be removed



## Rutherford's experiment

- Ernest Rutherford English physicist. (1910)
- Believed in the plum pudding model of the atom.
- Wanted to see how big they are
- Used radioactivity
- Alpha particles positively charged pieces given off by uranium
- Shot them at gold foil which can be made a few atoms thick

## Rutherford's experiment

- When the alpha particles hit a florescent screen, it glows.
- Here's what it looked like (pg 72)



#### He Expected

The alpha particles to pass through without changing direction very much

Because

The positive charges were spread out evenly. Alone they were not enough to stop the alpha particles

#### What he expected





#### Because, he thought the mass was evenly distributed in the atom

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#### What he got



#### How he explained it

- Atom is mostly empty
- Small dense, positive piece at center
- Alpha particles are deflected by it if they get close enough





## Modern View

#### The atom is mostly empty space

- Two Regions:
  - The nucleus
    - With protons and neutrons
    - Positive charge
    - Almost all the mass
  - Electron cloud- Most of the volume of an atom
    - The region where the electron can be found



# Density and the Atom, as Explained by Rutherford

- Since most of the particles went through, it was mostly empty.
- Because the pieces turned so much, the positive pieces were heavy.

$$\blacktriangleright$$
 Density =  $\frac{m}{v}$ 

Small volume, big mass= large density

This small dense positive area is the nucleus

#### Subatomic particles

 Relative
 Actual

 Name
 Symbol
 Charge
 mass
 mass (g)

 Electron
  $e^-$  -1
 1/1836
 9.11 x  $10^{-28}$  

 Proton
  $p^+$  +1
 1
 1.67 x  $10^{-24}$  

 Neutron
  $n^0$  0
 1
 1.67 x  $10^{-24}$ 

Size of an atom Atoms are small. Measured in picometers, 10<sup>-12</sup> meters ► Hydrogen atom, 32 pm radius Nucleus tiny compared to atom  $\blacktriangleright$  If the atom was the size of a stadium, the nucleus would be the size of a marble. ► Radius of the nucleus near 10<sup>-15</sup>m. Density near 10<sup>14</sup> g/cm<sup>3</sup>

# Counting the Pieces

- Atomic Number = number of protons
- # of protons determines kind of atom
- the same as the number of electrons in the neutral atom
- Mass Number = the number of protons + neutrons
- All the things with mass

Contain the symbol of the element, the mass number and the atomic number

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#### ► Find the

number of protons
number of neutrons
number of electrons
Atomic number
Mass Number

 ${}^{19}_{9}F$ 

#### Find the

- number of protons
- number of neutrons
- number of electrons
- Atomic number
- Mass Number

 $^{80}_{35}Br$ 

If an element has an atomic number of 34 and a mass number of 78 what is the

- number of protons
- number of neutrons
- number of electrons
- Complete symbol

If an element has 91 protons and 140 neutrons what is the

- Atomic number
- Mass number
- number of electrons
- Complete symbol

If an element has 78 electrons and 117 neutrons what is the

- Atomic number
- Mass number
- number of protons
- Complete symbol

## Naming Isotopes

Put the mass number after the name of the element
carbon- 12
carbon -14
uranium-235

#### Measuring Atomic Mass

Unit is the Atomic Mass Unit (amu)
Grams would be too small of a number
Each isotope has its own atomic mass we need the average from percent abundance.

That's why you see the different numbers on the PT

#### Atomic Mass

- Is not a whole number because it is an average.
- is the decimal number for each element on the periodic table.
- Be able to distinguish from mass number
  - Mass # is nearest whole number

### Isotopes

- Dalton had very good thoughts, but we know now he was incorrect about some things.
- Atoms of the same element can have <u>different numbers of neutrons</u>
- different mass numbers
- called <u>isotopes</u>

# IONS!!!!

Atoms with a charge # of protons does not equal number of electrons Protons stay the same- does not change the identity of the element Different number of electrons. More electrons= negative ion ► Fewer electrons= positive ion