

Section 4.1 Defining the Atom

OBJECTIVES:

Describe Democritus's ideas about atoms.

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 Identify what instrument is used to observe individual atoms.

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- The Greek philosopher Democritus (460 B.C. – 370 B.C.) was among the first to suggest the existence of atoms (from the Greek word "atomos")
 - He believed that atoms were *indivisible* and *indestructible*

Dalton's Atomic Theory (experiment based!)



- 1) All elements are composed of tiny indivisible particles called atoms
- 2) Atoms of the same element are identical. Atoms of any one element are different from those of any other element.
- 3) Atoms of different elements combine in simple whole-number ratios to form chemical compounds
- In chemical reactions, atoms are combined, separated, or rearranged – but never changed into atoms of another element.

Sizing up the Atom

Elements are able to be subdivided into smaller and smaller particles – these are the *atoms*, and they still have properties of that element

If you could line up 100,000,000 copper atoms in a single file, they would be approximately *1 cm long*Despite their <u>small size</u>, individual atoms **are** observable with instruments such as *scanning tunneling (electron) microscopes*

Section 4.2 Structure of the Nuclear Atom OBJECTIVES:

Identify three types of subatomic particles.

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 <u>Describe</u> the structure of atoms, according to the Rutherford atomic model.

Section 4.2 Structure of the Nuclear Atom

- One change to Dalton's atomic theory is that <u>atoms are divisible</u> into subatomic particles:
 - Electrons, protons, and neutrons are examples of these fundamental particles
 - There are many other types of particles, but we will study these three

Discovery of the Electron

In 1897, J.J. Thomson used a <u>cathode ray</u> <u>tube</u> to deduce the presence of a negatively charged particle: the **electron**



Modern <u>C</u>athode <u>Ray</u> <u>T</u>ubes





Computer Monitor

 Cathode ray tubes pass electricity through a gas that is contained at a very low pressure.

Mass of the Electron





The oil drop apparatus

1916 – Robert Millikan determines the mass of the electron: 1/1840 the mass of a hydrogen atom; has one unit of negative charge

Conclusions from the Study of the Electron:

- a) Cathode rays have identical properties regardless of the element used to produce them. All elements must contain identically charged electrons.
- b) Atoms are neutral, so there must be positive particles in the atom to balance the negative charge of the electrons
- e) <u>Electrons have so little mass</u> that atoms must contain other particles that account for most of the mass

Conclusions from the Study of the Electron:

- Eugen Goldstein in 1886 observed what is now called the "proton" particles with a positive charge, and a relative mass of 1 (or 1840 times that of an electron)
- 1932 James Chadwick confirmed the existence of the "<u>neutron</u>" – a particle with no charge, but a mass nearly equal to a proton

Subatomic Particles

Particle	Charge	Mass (g)	Location
Electron (e [.])	-1	9.11 x 10 ⁻²⁸	Electron cloud
Proton (p ⁺)	+1	1.67 x 10 ⁻²⁴	Nucleus
Neutron (nº)	0	1.67 x 10 ⁻²⁴	Nucleus



J. J. Thomson

Thomson believed that the electrons were like plums embedded in a positively charged "pudding," thus it was called the "plum pudding" model.

Ernest Rutherford's Gold Foil Experiment - 1911



Alpha particles are helium nuclei -The alpha particles were fired at a thin sheet of gold foil
Particles that hit on the detecting screen (film) are recorded





Rutherford's Findings

- Most of the particles passed right through
- A few particles were deflected
- VERY FEW were greatly deflected

"Like howitzer shells bouncing off of tissue paper!"

Conclusions:

a) The nucleus is small

b) The nucleus is densec) The nucleus is positively

c) The nucleus is pos

charged

The Rutherford Atomic Model

Based on his experimental evidence:

- The atom is mostly empty space
- All the positive charge, and almost all the mass is concentrated in a small area in the center. He called this a "nucleus"
- The nucleus is composed of protons and neutrons (they *make* the nucleus!)
- The electrons distributed around the nucleus, and occupy most of the volume
- His model was called a "nuclear model"

Section 4.3 Distinguishing Among Atoms OBJECTIVES:

Explain what makes elements and isotopes different from each other. Section 4.3 Distinguishing Among Atoms OBJECTIVES:

Calculate the number of neutrons in an atom.

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Calculate the atomic mass of an element.

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Explain why chemists use the periodic table.

Atomic Number

- Atoms are composed of *identical* protons, neutrons, and electrons
 How then are atoms of one element different from another element?
- Elements are different because they contain different numbers of <u>PROTONS</u>
- The "atomic number" of an element is the <u>number of protons</u> in the nucleus
- # protons in an atom = # electrons

Atomic Number

Atomic number (Z) of an element is the number of protons in the nucleus of each atom of that element.

Element	# of protons	Atomic # (Z)
Carbon	6	6
Phosphorus	15	15
Gold	79	79

Mass Number

Mass number is the number of protons and neutrons in the nucleus of an isotope: Mass $\# = p^+ + n^0$

Nuclide	p⁺	n ⁰	e -	Mass #
Oxygen - 18	8	10	8	18
Arsenic - 75	33	42	33	75
Phosphorus - 31	15	16	15	31



Symbols

Find each of these:

- a) number of protons
- b) number of neutrons
- c) number of electrons
 - ns

 $^{80}_{35}Br$

- d) Atomic number
- e) Mass Number

Symbols

- If an element has an atomic number of 34 and a mass number of 78, what is the:
 - a) number of protons
 - b) number of neutrons
 - c) number of electrons
 - d) complete symbol

Symbols

- If an element has 91 protons and 140 neutrons what is the
 - a) Atomic number
 - b) Mass number
 - c) number of electrons
 - d) complete symbol

Symbols

- If an element has 78 electrons and 117 neutrons what is the
 - a) Atomic number
 - b) Mass number
 - c) number of protons
 - d) complete symbol

Isotopes

- Dalton was wrong about all elements of the same type being identical
- Atoms of the same element can have different numbers of <u>neutrons</u>.
- Thus, different mass numbers.
- These are called <u>isotopes</u>.

Isotopes



- Frederick Soddy (1877-1956) proposed the idea of isotopes in 1912
- Isotopes are atoms of the same element having different masses, due to varying numbers of neutrons.
- Soddy won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1921 for his work with isotopes and radioactive materials.

Naming Isotopes

- We can also put the mass number *after* the name of the element:
 - carbon-12
 - carbon-14
 - uranium-235

neutrons.				
Hydrogen–1 (protium)	1	1	0	+ Hucieus
Hydrogen-2 (deuterium)	1	1	1	
Hydrogen-3 (tritium)	1	1	2	



Atomic Mass

- How heavy is an atom of oxygen?
 - It depends, because there are different *kinds* of oxygen atoms.
- We are more concerned with the <u>average</u> <u>atomic mass.</u>
- This is based on the abundance (percentage) of each variety of that element in nature.
 - We don't use grams for this mass because the numbers would be too small.

Measuring Atomic Mass

- Instead of grams, the unit we use is the <u>Atomic Mass Unit</u> (amu)
- It is defined as one-twelfth the mass of a carbon-12 atom.

Carbon-12 chosen because of its isotope purity.

Each isotope has its own atomic mass, thus we determine the average from percent abundance.

To calculate the average:

- Multiply the atomic mass of each isotope by it's abundance (expressed as a decimal), then add the results.
- If not told otherwise, the mass of the isotope is expressed in <u>atomic mass</u> <u>units</u> (amu)

Atomic Masses Atomic mass is the average of all the naturally occurring isotopes of that element.				
Isotope	Symbol	Composition of the nucleus	% in nature	
Carbon-12	¹² C	6 protons 6 neutrons	98.89%	
Carbon-13	¹³ C	6 protons 7 neutrons	1.11%	
Carbon-14	¹⁴ C	6 protons 8 neutrons	<0.01%	
Carbon = 12.011				



The Periodic Table: A Preview

 A "periodic table" is an <u>arrangement of elements</u> in which the elements are separated into groups based on a set of repeating properties

 The periodic table allows you to easily compare the properties of one element to another

The Periodic Table: A Preview

Each horizontal row (there are 7 of them) is called a period
Each vertical column is called a group, or family
Elements in a group have similar chemical and physical properties
Identified with a number and either an "A" or "B"
More presented in Chapter 6

End of Chapter 4