

## Chemistry: Atomic Structure

### Organization of the Modern Periodic Table

The periodic table is organized by **properties**.

### The Atom Today

**atom =**

All atoms of the same element are essentially (but not exactly) the same.

**nucleus =**

**atomic mass unit =**

### Parts of the Atom

Particle	Mass	Electrical Charge	Location within the Atom

### Particles of the Atom

**subatomic particles =**

The identity of an atom is determined by how many \_\_\_\_\_ it has.

**atomic number =**

**Neutrons** (James Chadwick, 1932) add mass to the atom.

*Why did it take so long to discover the neutron?*

**mass number =**

**nucleons =**

**Electrons** are so tiny that we say they have \_\_\_\_\_ mass, but they have an electrical charge equal in magnitude but opposite to that of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sample Problem 1:** For an atom with 15 protons, 16 neutrons, and 18 electrons...

- A) *What is the atom's net charge?*  
 B) *What is the atomic number of the atom?                      What is the mass number?*  
 C) *This is an atom of what element?*

**Sample Problem 2:** For an atom with 28 protons, 31 neutrons, and 26 electrons...

- A) *What is the atom's net charge?*  
 B) *What is the atomic number of the atom?                      What is the mass number?*  
 C) *This is an atom of what element?*

**quarks** = smaller particles that make up protons, neutrons, and electrons

### **The Historical Development of the Atomic Model**

**Continuous Theory of Matter** = the idea that all matter can be divided into smaller and smaller pieces  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

**Discontinuous (Particle) Theory of Matter** = (~400 B.C., Democritus, Leucippus ) matter is made up of particles so small and indestructible that they cannot be divided into anything smaller. "Atom" comes from the Greek word **atomos**, meaning \_\_\_\_\_.

**law of conservation of mass** (1770's, Antoine Lavoisier): provided the first experimental evidence that...

**law of definite proportions** (Joseph Proust, 1799) the proportion by mass of the elements in a pure compound is always the same

Examples: all samples of water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) contain a ratio of 8 g oxygen to 1 g hydrogen

all samples of iron sulfide ( $\text{FeS}$ ) contain a ratio of 7 g iron to 4 g sulfur

*How does this compare to a physical mixture of iron and sulfur?*

**law of multiple proportions** = when a pair of elements can form 2 or more compounds, the masses of one element that combine with a fixed mass of the other element form simple, whole-number ratios

Example A: 2 compounds of hydrogen and oxygen,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

$\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow$

$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow$

*How does this example show the existence of atoms?*

Example B: Sulfur and oxygen can form 2 compounds.

Sulfur dioxide samples show a ratio of 2 g S to 2 g O.

Sulfur trioxide samples show a ratio of 2 g S to 3 g O.

*For these two compounds of sulfur and oxygen, what is the small whole-number ratio described by the law of multiple proportions?*

**Dalton's Atomic Theory** (John Dalton, 1803)

1. All elements are made of atoms, which are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. All atoms of the same element are exactly alike – they have the same mass.
3. Atoms of different elements are different – they have different masses.
4. Compounds are formed by the joining of atoms of 2 or more elements. In any compound, the atoms of the different elements are joined in a definite, whole-number ratio, such as 1:1, 2:1, or 3:2.

Dalton's ideas are still useful today, but modifications to his theory have been made...

**William Crookes** (1870's): English physicist

Unknowingly, Crookes had discovered \_\_\_\_\_. Crookes tubes are now called \_\_\_\_\_ and are used as \_\_\_\_\_.

**J.J. Thomson** (1897): English scientist

*What conclusion did Thomson draw from his observations?*

**plum pudding model**

Using a mass spectrometer, Thomson was able to calculate the **charge to mass ratio** ( $e/m$ ), of an electron.

**Robert Millikan** determined the charge on an electron in his **oil drop experiment**.

**Ernest Rutherford** (1906):**Gold Leaf Experiment**

What conclusions did Rutherford draw from this evidence?

- 1.
- 2.

The tiny central region of the atom was called the **nucleus**, which is Latin for “\_\_\_\_\_.”

Furthermore, Rutherford suggested that the \_\_\_\_\_ travel around the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Niels Bohr** (1913): Danish physicist. Proposed that electrons can only possess certain amounts of energy, called **quanta**. *What does this mean in terms of the location of electrons?*

**Bohr model =**

#### Electron Energy Levels in the Bohr Model

**energy levels** = the possible electron orbits of an atom

**ground state** = exists when an atom is energetically stable

**excited state** = exists when electrons absorb energy, are moved to higher levels, and the atom become energetically unstable

*How does an atom give off light?*

#### **Charge-Cloud Model, or Quantum Mechanical Model**

**Quantum Mechanics** = the idea that **energy is quantized** =

*In an atom, where are the electrons, according to the quantum mechanical model?*

#### **Summary of the Atomic Model**

The atomic model has changed over time, and continues to change as we learn more.

## The Nature of Light

### Particle versus Waves, 1600's

**Sir Issac Newton**, English physicist, and the Particle concept of light

**Christian Huygens**, Dutch physicist, and the Wave concept of light

**James Clerk Maxwell**, Scottish physicist, (1864) Light as a wave phenomenon

**Max Planck**, German physicist, revived the particle theory

**quanta** = discrete bundles of energy that make up light (also called \_\_\_\_\_)

The amount of energy in light depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the light.

### Light as Waves: *What is a wave?*

**wavelength** = the distance between two neighboring peaks or troughs

**frequency** = the number of peaks that pass a given point each second

**Hertz** = unit used to express frequency in cycles per second

### The Emission and Absorption of Radiation

Studying the light absorbed and emitted by an atom allows us to understand that atom.

**electromagnetic radiation** = the entire range of "light", from...

very low frequencies (low energy)

to

very high frequencies (high energy)

VISIBLE  
R O Y G B I V

long wavelength  
low frequency

short wavelength  
high frequency

**electromagnetic spectrum** =

**continuous spectrum** = band of colors that results when a narrow beam of light passes through a prism

The **bright line spectrum** of the elements is a unique set of lines for each element.

### The Speed of Light and the Energy of Light

Relationship between wavelength, frequency, and speed of light:  $c = \lambda f$

where  $c =$  the speed of light

The energy of light is given by the formula  $E = h f$

**Planck's constant,  $h$**  = the constant of proportionality between the energy and the frequency of radiation

*Problem A: Find the frequency of a quantum of light (a photon) with a wavelength of  $6.0 \times 10^{-7}$  meters.*

*Problem B: Find the energy of a photon of radiation with a frequency of  $5.0 \times 10^{14}$  hertz.*

### A Closer Look at Electrons: Where are they in the Atom?

Electrons are located within **energy levels**, which range from \_\_\_\_\_. The higher the energy level the electron is in...

1.

2.

**sublevels** = within each energy level, these differ from each other by slight differences in energy

**orbital** = "paths" in each sublevel that an electron can travel on.

Each orbital can hold a maximum of \_\_\_\_ electrons.

- In every **s sublevel**, there is \_\_\_\_ orbital, which holds a total of \_\_\_\_ electrons
- In every **p sublevel**, there are \_\_\_\_ orbitals, which hold a total of \_\_\_\_ electrons
- In every **d sublevel**, there are \_\_\_\_ orbitals, which hold a total of \_\_\_\_ electrons
- In every **f sublevel**, there are \_\_\_\_ orbitals, which hold a total of \_\_\_\_ electrons

*In what order do orbitals fill up?*

$1s^2$	$2s^2$	$2p^6$	$3s^2$	$3p^6$	$4s^2$	$3d^{10}$	$4p^6$	$5s^2$	$4d^{10}$	$5p^6$	$6s^2$	$4f^{14}$	$5d^{10}$	$6p^6$	$7s^2$	$5f^{14}$	$6d^{10}$
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## Writing the Electron Configuration for an Atom

The question is: Where are the electrons in the atom?

The format for each term in the electron configuration is, for example:  $1s^2$

1 = the energy level      s = the sublevel, or orbital      2 = the number of electrons in that sublevel

**Examples:** *Write the electron configurations for the following elements.*

carbon (C)

chlorine (Cl)

lithium (Li)

potassium (K)

sodium (Na)

iron (Fe)

## Using Shorthand Notation for the Electron Configuration

Put the noble gas that precedes the element in brackets, then continue filling the rest of the orbitals in order, as usual.

**Examples:** sodium (Na)

potassium (K)

chlorine (Cl)

iron (Fe)

## The Significance of the Electron Configurations

**valence shell =**

**valence electrons =**

*What is the maximum number of valence electrons an atom can have? \_\_\_\_\_*

*How do each of the noble gases differ from other atoms?*

*How do noble gases behave, and why?*

## Isotopes

Not all atoms of an element are exactly the same in every respect.

*How are all atoms of an element alike?*

*What could be different about 2 or more atoms of the same element?*

**isotopes =**

**Example 1:** *All carbon atoms have how many protons?*

Most carbon atoms have 6 neutrons. *What is their mass number?*

Some carbon atoms have 8 neutrons. *What is their mass number?*

**Example 2:** Hydrogen has 3 isotopes, protium (H-1), deuterium (H-2), tritium (H-3).

*How many protons, neutrons, and electrons are in a neutral atom of each of the isotopes of hydrogen?*

**Example 3:** *How many neutrons are in a Ag-109 atom?*

**isotope notation =** used to designate a particular isotope of an element

Isotope Notation	Protons	Neutrons	Electrons
$^{238}_{92}\text{U}$			
$^{23}_{11}\text{Na}$			
$^{235}_{92}\text{U}$			

### Average Atomic Mass

Since all atoms of an element do not have the same mass, it is useful to find the average mass of the atoms of an element. *That is, if we took a random sample of a large number of atoms of that element, what would the average mass of those atoms be?*

**average atomic mass (“atomic mass”) =**

The average atomic mass takes into account what percentage of each isotope have a particular mass.

For an element with isotopes “A”, “B”, etc., the average atomic mass can be found using the equation...

**% abundance =** tells what percentage of the element’s atoms are of each isotope



**Example 1:** Complete the following table, assuming that a “Small Atom” has a mass of 12 amu and that a “Large Atom” has a mass of 14 amu.

Number of “Small Atoms”	Number of “Large Atoms”	% abundance of “Small Atoms”	% abundance of “Large Atoms”	Average Atomic Mass (amu)

**Example 2:** Boron has 2 isotopes, B-10 and B-11. The % abundance of B-10 is 19.78%. What is the average atomic mass of boron?

*How do we know the percentage abundance for each isotope of each element?*

### Unequal Numbers of Protons and Electrons: Ions

*In terms of electrons in energy levels, what is special about the noble gases?*

*How is the overall energy state of noble gases affected by this?*

As a result, every atom “wants” to be as much like a noble gas as possible.

*Why can't every atom be a noble gas?*

*How could an element be similar to a noble gas?*

Consider the element fluorine, F. A neutral atom of fluorine contains \_\_\_ protons and \_\_\_ electrons. In order have a full outer energy level (to be like a noble gas, to have low energy and high stability), F has 2 choices...

OPTION 1

OPTION 2

ion =

cation =

anion =

Mnemonics for remembering cations and anions

*How does an atom become an anion?*

*How does an atom become a cation?*

Again, an atom **CANNOT** form an ion by gaining or losing protons.

**Exercise:** Complete the following table.

<i>Element</i>	<i>Has ? Protons</i>	<i>Starts with ? Electrons</i>	<i>Wants ? Electrons</i>	<i>Gains or Loses ? Electrons</i>	<i>Now has ? Electrons</i>	<i>Charge on Atom</i>	<i>Ion Symbol</i>
Li							
Na							
Mg							
Ca							
Cl							
Br							
O							

### Naming Ions

In naming a cation, we use the form: "name of element" and "ion"

*Name the cations in the above table.*

In naming an anion, we use the form: "root of element name + -ide" and "ion"

*Name the anions in the above table.*