

Atomic Structure

Atoms are very small, having a radius of about 0.1 nm (1 x 10⁻¹⁰ m). NANOMETRES! The radius of a nucleus is less than 1/10 000 of that of the atom (about 1 x 10⁻¹⁴ m). Almost all of the mass of an atom is in the nucleus.

Atoms are the basic building blocks of all matter. They have sub atomic particles.

Sub atomic particle name	Position in atom	Relative charge	Relative mass
Proton (p)	nucleus	+	1
Neutron	nucleus	0	1
Electron (e)	shell	-	VERY small

Atomic Number = the number of protons in atom = number of electrons in atom
The atomic number defines the element.

Mass Number: the Σ (protons + neutrons) in the nucleus. This is relative to the abundance of...

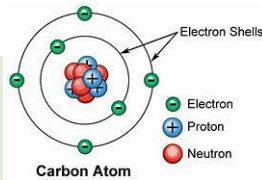
Isotopes: Atoms of the same element with different numbers of neutrons.

Electron Arrangement:

Electrons orbit the nucleus in shells or energy levels.

- 1st shell = 2 electrons
- 2nd shell = 8 electrons
- 3rd shell = 8 electrons

Eg Carbon's **electronic structure: 2,4**
(2 e⁻ in 1st shell, 4 e⁻ in 2nd shell)



The electrons in an atom occupy the lowest available energy levels (innermost available shells)

History of the Periodic Table

Dmitri Mendeleev: Created the first Periodic Table, organizing elements by atomic mass but leaving gaps for undiscovered elements.

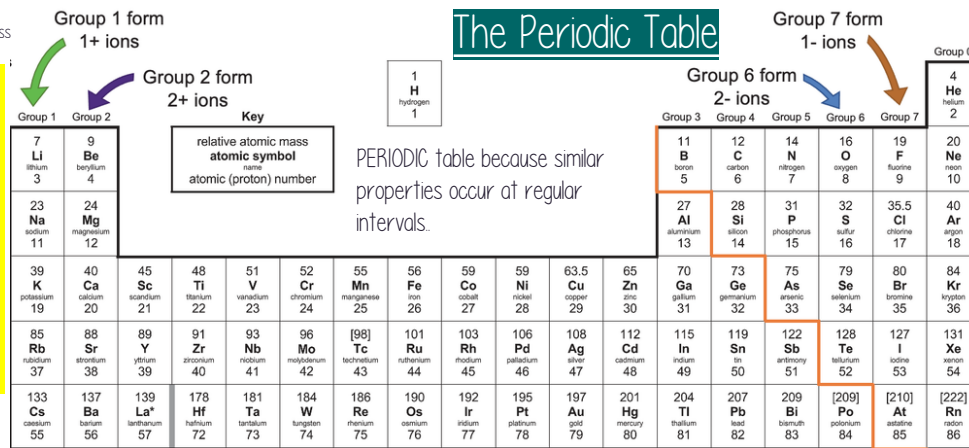
Modern Periodic Table: Organized by atomic number.

Mendeleev's Periodic Table (1869)

H 1 1.01	Li 3 6.94	Be 4 9.01	B 5 10.81	C 6 12.01	N 7 14.01	O 8 16.00	F 9 18.99	Ne 10 20.18
Na 11 22.99	Mg 12 24.31	Al 13 26.98	Si 14 28.09	P 15 30.97	S 16 32.06	Cl 17 35.45	Ar 18 39.95	
K 19 39.10	Ca 20 40.08	Zn 30 65.38	Ga 31 69.72	Ge 32 72.64	As 33 74.92	Se 34 78.96	Br 35 79.90	
Rb 37 85.47	Sr 38 87.62	Y 39 88.91	Zr 40 91.22	Nb 41 92.91	Mo 42 95.94	Tc 43 98.91	Ru 44 101.07	Rh 45 102.91
Cs 55 132.91	Ba 56 137.33	La 57 138.91	Hf 72 178.49	Ta 73 180.95	W 74 183.85	Re 75 186.21	Os 76 190.23	Ir 77 192.22
Au 79 196.97	Hg 80 200.59	Pb 82 207.2	Tl 81 204.38	Po 84 [209]	At 85 [210]	Rn 86 [222]		

Elements with properties predicted by Mendeleev were discovered and filled the gaps. Knowledge of isotopes made it possible to explain why the order based on atomic mass was not always correct.

The Periodic Table



Non-Metals:

Found on the right of the periodic table.
Poor conductors (insulators), brittle, and dull.
Tend to gain electrons to form negative ions.
OR share electrons in covalent bonding.

Group 0: Noble Gases

(Full outer shell, very unreactive INERT).

Group 7: Halogens

DIATOMIC (2 atoms in each molecule)
More reactive will displace less reactive!
Kill microorganisms (do NOT clean).
(7 electrons in outer shell). As you go down the group, there are more shells (shielding), so the outer shell is further from the nucleus, so the force of attraction is weaker, so the last electron is NOT so easily gained.

Group 1: Alkali Metals
(1 electron in outer shell, highly reactive).
As you go down the group, there are more shells (shielding), so the outer shell is further from the nucleus, so the force of attraction is weaker, so the outer electron is easily lost.

Metals:
Good conductors of heat and electricity.
Malleable, ductile, and shiny.
Lose electrons to form positive ions.

Elements like having full shells (stable) so their ability to lose or gain electrons is reflected in their reactivity.

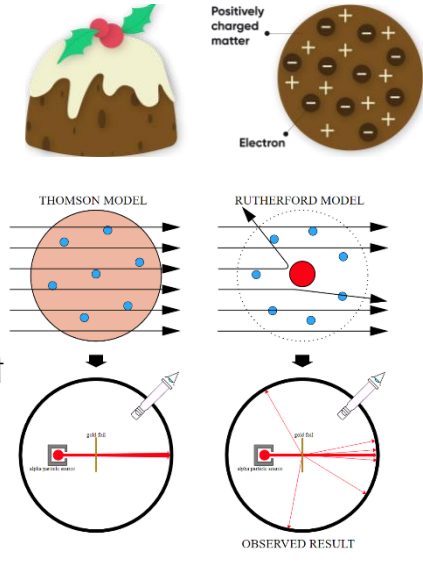
Development of the Atomic Model

John Dalton (1803): Atoms as solid spheres.

J.J. Thomson (1897): Discovery of the electron; "Plum Pudding Model" (negative electrons in a positively charged 'soup').

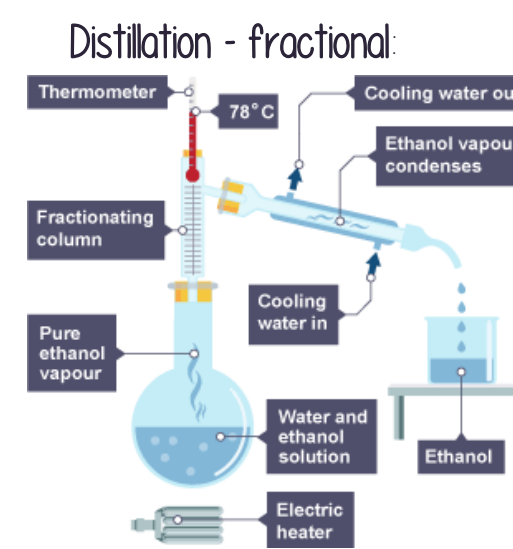
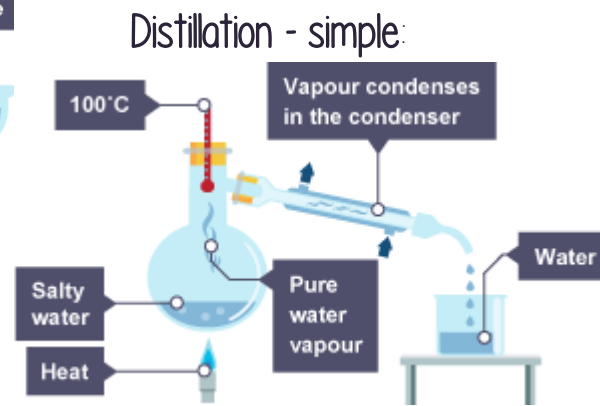
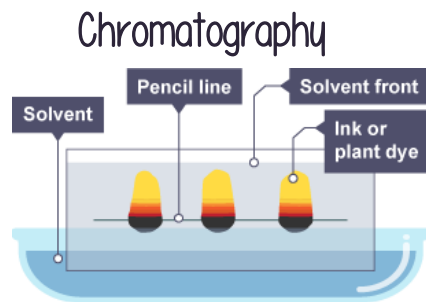
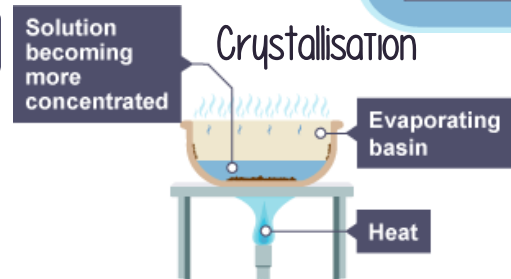
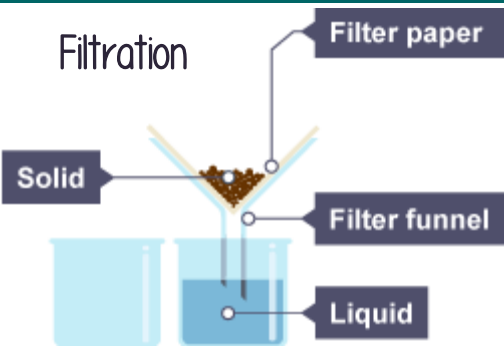
Ernest Rutherford (1909): Gold foil experiment; atoms mostly empty space with a dense, positively charged nucleus. (the positive alpha particles were deflected and even bounced directly back! This meant there was dense positive section - A nucleus!)

Niels Bohr (1913): Electrons orbit in shells/energy levels.



...Later experiments led to the idea that the positive charge of any nucleus could be subdivided into a whole number of smaller particles, each particle having the same amount of positive charge. The name proton was given to these particles. The experimental work of James Chadwick provided the evidence to show the existence of neutrons within the nucleus. This was about 20 years after the nucleus became an accepted scientific idea.

Key models, methods and equipment



Key Terms to Remember:

- **Atom:** The smallest part of an element that can exist.
- **Element:** Made of only 1 type of atom
- **Compound:** Two or more types of element chemically joined.
- **Mixture:** Two or more elements or compounds not chemically joined. They can be separated.
- **Atomic Number:** Number of protons.
- **Mass Number:** Number of protons + neutrons.
- **Charge:** Subatomic particles CAN have a charge — these are **+ positive**, **- negative** or otherwise - **none** — 0.
- **Mass:** **Protons and neutrons** have the most mass, a mass of 1 each — the nucleus is dense. **Electrons** have a mass of **NEARLY 0**.
- **Isotope:** Atom with the same number of protons but different neutrons.
- **Group:** Vertical column in the Periodic Table, the number of electrons in the outer shell.
- **Period:** Horizontal row, same as the number of electron shells (in the electronic configuration).
- **Mixture:** A mixture consists of **two or more elements or compounds not chemically combined together**. The chemical properties of each substance in the mixture are unchanged.
- **Filtration:** Separation by **particle size**, using filter paper and a funnel. Small particles can pass through to the filtrate, large particles cannot.
- **Crystallisation:** Separation through heating a substance on a water bath and leaving it somewhere to warm for the **SOLVENT** molecules to **evaporate** — leaving crystals to form.
- **Distillation (simple and fractional):** Separation of **PURE liquids by boiling point**. Liquids with lower boiling points can be collected first — the first distillate.
- **Chromatography:** Separation by **solubility**. More soluble compounds will travel furthest up the chromatogram.

Key Formulae:

- **Number of Neutrons = Mass Number — Atomic Number**