

History of Chemistry



The Greeks



- 4 elements:
 - Fire: Hot & Dry
 - Earth: Dry & Cold
 - Water: Cold & Wet
 - Air: Wet & Hot

The Alchemists



- “Fake Scientists”
- Tried to turn cheap metals into gold
- Discovered elements such as mercury and sulfur

“The First Chemist”
Robert Boyle (1627-1691)



- Science should be firmly grounded in experiments.
- An element is something that cannot be broken down into simpler substances.
- There are probably many elements.

II. Elements

A. Abundant Pure Elements in the Atmosphere

- ✦ Nitrogen
- ✦ Oxygen
- ✦ Argon

**B. Abundant Elements
(By Mass)**

<u>Human Body</u>	<u>Earth's Atmosphere</u>	<u>Earth's Oceans</u>	<u>Earth's Crust</u>
O (65)	N (78.1)	O (85.8)	O (46.6)
C (18)	O (20.9)	H (10.8)	Si (27.7)
H (10)	Ar (0.96)	Cl (1.9)	Al (8.1)
N (3)	C	Na (1.1)	Fe (5)
Ca (1.5)	H	Others (0.4)	Ca (3.6)
P (1.2)	Others	Sorry, oil.	Na (2.8)
Others		Lots and lots of oil.	Others

C. Trace Elements

Elements that your body needs, but only in small amounts.

Examples:

- Copper - production of red blood cells
- Iodine - functioning of thyroid gland
- Chromium - metabolism of sugars

III. Laws of Matter



A. Law of Conservation of Mass

- Mass can neither be created nor destroyed



B. Law of Definite Proportion (constant composition)

- ✦ A given compound always contains exactly the same proportion of elements by mass
- ✦ NaCl: 39.3% Na; 60.7% Cl
- ✦ H₂O: 11.1% H; 88.9% O



C. Law of Multiple Proportions

- When 2 elements form a series of compounds, the ratios of the masses of the second element that combine with 1 gram of the first element can always be reduced to whole numbers.
- Example:
 - H₂O * H₂O₂
 - 1 gram H, 8 grams O 1 gram H, 16 grams O

The Atom

John Dalton (1766-1844)



■ Dalton's Atomic Theory

1. Elements are made of tiny particles called atoms.
2. All atoms of a given element are identical.
3. The atoms of a given element are different from those of any other element.
4. Atoms of one element can combine with atoms of other elements to form compounds. A given compound always has the same relative numbers and types of atoms.

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5. Atoms are indivisible in chemical processes. That is, atoms are not created or destroyed in chemical reactions. A chemical reaction simply changes the way atoms are grouped together.

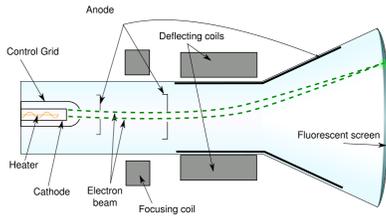
The Atom

J.J. Thomson (1856-1940)



- Discovered electrons using the cathode ray tube experiment
- With Lord Kelvin, he believed that the negative electrons were stuck in a positive sphere (Plum pudding model)

Cathode Ray Tube



The Atom

Robert Millikan (1909)



- Calculated the **charge** (-1.6×10^{-19} Coulombs) and **mass** of an electron using the oil drop experiment

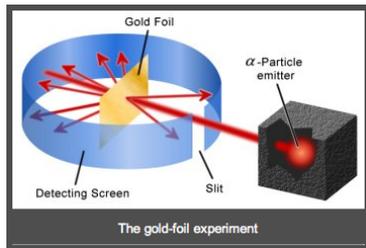
The Atom

Ernest Rutherford (1871-1937)



- Discovered the positively charged nucleus using the gold foil experiment. (The atom was mostly empty space, with a dense, positive center.)

The Atom
Gold Foil Experiment



The Atom
Niels Bohr (1913)



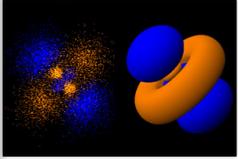
- Believed that electrons moved around the nucleus in rings or shells like planets around the sun (Solar System Model)

The Atom
James Chadwick (1932)



- Discovered the neutron

The Atom
Quantum Mechanical Model



Electrons exist in orbitals around the nucleus.

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