Structure of Matter



model of the atom good enough to explain all experimental observations?

Inside a Nucleus

- <u>Rutherford, 1920</u>: discovery of a proton (Greek: "first"), a positively charged subatomic particle.
- 1920-1932: search for a *neutral* particle.
- Chadwick, 1932: detected zero charged particles with about the same mass as the proton, eventually called neutron (1935 Nobel Prize in Physics).



Atom ~10⁻¹⁰m Nucleus ~10⁻¹⁴m

Proton ~10⁻¹⁵m Neutron ~10⁻¹⁵m

Atomic Nucleus Structure



Wave Model of the Atom (contemporary model)

Atom has a small positively charged nucleus surrounded by a large region (*"electron cloud"*) in which there are enough electrons to make an atom neutral.

Quantum Theory states that the <u>electrons</u> inside an atom <u>possess both particle-</u> and <u>wave-</u>like properties:

- There is always an integer number of electrons orbiting the nucleus.
- It is impossible to determine the exact location of an electron. Electrons do not have a definite path around the nucleus. The probable location of an electron is based on how much energy it has.
- The modern term "atomic orbital" refers to the physical region or space where the electron can be calculated to be present.
- Electrons whirl about the nucleus billions of times in one second and can jump between orbitals in a particle-like fashion, losing or gaining energy.







The 1927 Solvay Congress on Electrons and Photons

Werner Heisenberg

Wolfgang Pauli

Louis de Broglie

Erwin Schrödinger



In October 1927, the world's most notable physicists met to discuss the newly formulated quantum theory and subatomic makeup. 17 of the 29 attendees were or later became Nobel Prize winners.

Atomic Structure Summary

- <u>All atoms</u> have:
 - > a positively charged nucleus
 - and negatively charged electrons moving around within atomic orbitals
- Atomic nucleus consists of:
 - positively charged protons
 - and neutrons that have no electric charge



Forces Inside the Atom



Nuclear (binding) energy is the energy associated with the nuclear force:

- A <u>stable atom</u> is an atom that has <u>enough binding energy</u> to hold the nucleus together permanently.
- An <u>unstable atom</u> does not have enough binding energy to hold the nucleus together permanently and <u>will lose neutrons and/or protons</u> as it attempts to become stable.

What holds an atom together?

- The <u>electrons</u> are kept in orbit around the nucleus due to an <u>electromagnetic</u> <u>field of attraction</u> between the positive charge of the protons and the negative charge of the electrons.
- The <u>nucleus of protons and neutrons</u> is kept together by the <u>nuclear (strong)</u> <u>force</u>, which opposes and overcomes the electromagnetic repulsion when particles are very close to each other (~1 fm!).



Understanding Elements

The <u>number of protons and neutrons</u> in the nucleus give the atoms their <u>specific characteristics</u>.

- All atoms of the same chemical element contain the same number of protons, defined by a unique atomic number of that element.
- For example, all <u>helium</u> atoms, and only helium atoms, contain two protons and have an <u>atomic number of 2</u>.



- Atoms are also characterized by:
 - mass number, which is a sum of the number of protons and the number of neutrons in the nucleus (number of nucleons)
 - atomic mass, "relative isotopic mass" in unified atomic mass units, which is roughly (within 1%) equal to the whole mass number (since the mass of a proton and the mass of a neutron are almost the same and the mass of the atom's electrons is negligibly small)

What is Isotope?

<u>Isotopes</u> are different forms of a given element that have the same number of *protons* in each atom but differ in number of *neutrons*.



Most elements have more than one isotope.





There are 20 Plutonium isotopes, all of them unstable!

 $Pu^{228} \longrightarrow Pu^{247}$

Periodic Table Showing Isotopes

Hydrogen		,			-17												Helium
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39, 41 K 19 Potassium	40,42,43, 44,46,48 Ca 20 Calcium	45 SC 21 Scandium	46,47,48, 49,50 Ti 22 Titanium	51 V 23 Vanadium	50,52,53, 54 Cr 24 Chromium	55 Mn 25	54,56,57) 58 Fe 26 Iron	59 CO 27 Coball	58,60,61; 62,64 Ni 28 Nickel	63,65 Cu 29 Copper	64,66,67, 68,70 Zn 30 Zinc	69,71 Ga 31 Gallium	70,72,73, 74,76 Ge 32 Germanium	75 As 33 Arsenic	74,76,77, 78,80,82 Se 34 Selenium	79,81 Br 35 Bromine	78,80,82, 83,84,86 Kr 36 Krypton
85 Rb 37 Rubidium	84,86,87, 88 Sr 38	89 ¥ 39	90,91,92, 94,96 Zr 40 Zirconium	93 Nb 41 Nichlum	92, 94-100 MO 42	none TC 43	96,104, 98-103 RU 44 Ruthenium	104 Rh 45 Rhodium	102,108,110 104-106 Pd 46 Palladium	107,109 Ag 47	106,108,114, 110-112,116 Cd 48 Cadmium	113 In 49	112,114-120, 122,124 Sn 50 Tin	121 Sb 51 Antimony	120,122,128, 124-126,130 Te 52 Tellurium	127 53	124,126,134, 128-132,136 Xe 54 Xenon
133 Cs 55 Ceslum	130,132, 134-138 Ba 56 Barlum		174, 176-180 Hff 72 Hafnium	180,181 Ta 73 Tantalum	180,182,183, 184,186 W 74 Tungsten	185 Re 75 Rhenium	184,192, 186-190 OS 76 Osmium	191,193	192,198, 194-196 Pt 78 Platinum	197 Au 79 Gold	196,204, 198-202 Hg 80 Mercury	203, 205 TI 81 Thallion	204, 206-208 Pb 82 Lead	none Bi 83 Bismuth	none Po 84 Pelonium	none At 85 Astatine	none Rn 86 Radon
none Fr 87 Francium	none Ra 88 Radium	139 La 57	136, 138 140 Ce 58 Certum	141 Pr 59 Pracedyna	142,143,14 146,148,15 Nd 60	none Pm 61	144,152,15 148,148,15 Sm 62 Samarium	151, 153 Eu 63 Europiun	3 152, 160 154-158 Gd 64 64	159 Tb 65 Terbium	156, 158 160-164 Dy 66	165 HO 67 Hotmler	162,164,188 167,168,177 Er 68 Erbium	169 Tm 69 Thulium	168, 176 170-174 Yb 70 Ytterblue	175 Lu 71 Lutecius	
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- The nucleus of an iron isotope with mass number 56 is more stable than any other element's nucleus (the farther from 56 an element's mass number is, the more unstable that element's nucleus tends to be).
- The <u>heaviest element</u> that still has stable isotopes is **Lead**.

Carbon Dating



12 C	¹³ C	¹⁴ C
12.00000	13.00335	14.0
98.89%	1.11%	t ¹ / ₂ = 5715yrs
Stable	Stable	Radioactive Cosmogenic/ anthropogenic

- A method of determining the age of an object by measuring the <u>radioactive emissions of</u> <u>radiocarbon (C-14), a</u> radioactive isotope of carbon.
- Invented by Willard Libby in the late 1940s and soon became a <u>standard tool for</u> <u>archaeologists</u>.
- Applicable only to matter which was once living and presumed to be in equilibrium with the atmosphere.
- The <u>oldest dates</u> that can be reliably measured by carbon dating are <u>around 50,000</u> years ago.