### **5.1 The Evolution of the Atomic Model**

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# We've seen what we think atoms look like...



# John Dalton, early 1800s

found that running electric current through water produced \_\_\_\_\_\_\* and \_\_\_\_\_\_\* gases

expanded on Particle Theory, to describe the behaviour of elements and compounds







### Dalton's Atomic Theory

- All matter is made of small particles called **atoms**.
- Atoms cannot be created, \_\_\_\_\_\*, or divided.
- All atoms of the same element are identical in \_\_\_\_\_\_\*\* and size. The atoms of one element are different from the atoms of other elements.



 <sup>\*\*\*</sup> are created when atoms of different elements link together in fixed proportions.

### Dalton's Model of the Atom

The "**billiard ball**" model: Dalton envisioned atoms are small, indestructible particles. Oxygen



### Joseph John Thomson, 1897

Discovered the existence of **negatively-charged particles** in atoms

Made his discovery by performing experiments with evacuated gas tubes, called cathode ray tubes



Video: Discovery of the Electron

Thomson's Observation	His Inference
Particles emitted from the cathode are <b>attracted to positive</b> charges	The cathode ray particles must be <b>negatively-charged</b>
The cathode ray particles have a much <b>lower mass than hydrogen</b> atoms	Cathode particles are much smaller than hydrogen atoms
All metals that he tested emit <b>identical</b> cathode rays	All atoms contain the same negatively-charged particles
Atoms are electrically neutral	Atoms must therefore contain <b>positively-charged particles</b> to balance the negative ones

### Thomson's Model of the Atom

Negatively-charged particles (	*) are embedded
in a positively-charged mass	

Called the "plum pudding" model • think *chocolate chip muffin* 







### Ernest Rutherford, 1911

Famous "gold foil experiment" Aimed *positively-charged alpha particles* at thin sheets of gold foil

**Prediction**: If the atom was composed of evenly-distributed positive and negative charges, the alpha particles *should pass right through* 





Video: Discovery of the nucleus **Observation**: Most of the particles passed through, but a very small number of them **bounced backwards** 

### Inferences:

 The alpha particles bounced backwards because they hit a region of

 The majority of the atom's volume is empty space.

#### **Expected outcome**



**Observed** outcome



### Rutherford's Model of the Atom

The **beehive** model:

The positive charges are contained in a small dense centre called the nucleus.

The electrons revolve around the nucleus.

#### RUTHERFORD'S ATOMIC MODEL



Opposition to Rutherford's model: Why don't the negative electrons fall into the positive nucleus?



### Neils Bohr, 1922

Proposed that electrons were restricted to \_\_\_\_\_

Each orbit represents an **energy level**, and has a different distance from the nucleus.



Each electron shell represents an energy level.

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Bohr developed this model by observing the **emission spectrum** of





Light is emitted when an electron **absorbs energy** (is "\_\_\_\_\_"), and then **releases it** as it falls down to its original energy state.







### Continuous Spectrum

If the electrons could absorb any quantity of energy, a continuous spectrum would be produced.

### **Emission Lines**

Since a non-continuous line spectrum is observed, this means electrons can only absorb **fixed** packets of energy (**quanta**, *sing*. **quantum**).

## James Chadwick, 1932

Showed experimentally that neutral particles exist in the nucleus, along with the protons.



### Homework

- Read Ch 5.1 p. 179- 185
- pg. 186 Q # 1, 2, 5, 6, 8
- Complete handout: Evolution of the Atomic Model

