

## CH. 2 - ATOMS, MOLECULES, AND IONS

### 2.1 The Early History of Chemistry

The Greeks @ 400 B.C.

- air, water, earth, fire
- Democritus : *atomos* (small, indivisible particles)
- no experimentation

Alchemy @ next 2000 years

- tried to turn metals (mostly Pb) into gold
- “pseudoscience”
- advances in apparatus and techniques

Robert Boyle @ 1600's

- quantitative experiments

### 2.2 Fundamental Chemical Laws

Law of Conservation of Mass

- Antoine Lavoisier @ 1700's (“father of modern chemistry”)
- “mass is neither created nor destroyed”

Law of Definite Proportion

- Joseph Proust @ late 1700's
- “a given compound always contains exactly the same proportion of elements by mass”

Law of Multiple Proportions

- John Dalton @ late 1700's
- “when two 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 small whole numbers”

Examples:

### 2.3 Dalton's Atomic Theory

Dalton's theory

1. Each element is made up of tiny particles called atoms.
2. The atoms of a given element are identical; the atoms of different elements are different in some fundamental way or ways.
3. Chemical compounds are formed when atoms combine with each other. A given compound always has the same relative numbers and types of atoms.
4. Chemical reactions involve reorganization of the atoms - changes in the way they are bound together. The atoms themselves are not changed in a chemical reaction.

Dalton prepared the first table of atomic masses (atomic weights).

Avogadro's hypothesis –

## 2.4 Early Experiments to Characterize the Atom

J.J. Thomson (@ 1898-1903) English physicist

- studied electrical discharges in cathode ray tubes
- postulated that the “cathode rays” produced were negatively charged particles now called electrons
- determined a charge-to-mass ratio of the electron
- “plum pudding” model



Robert Millikan (1909) American physicist at U. of Chicago

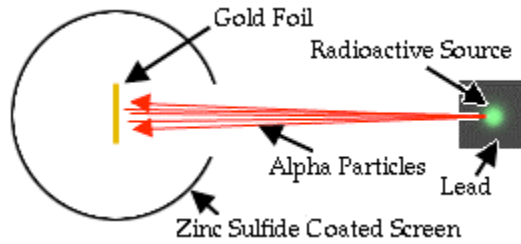
- famous oil drop experiments
- determined the charge of an electron and thus calculated its mass

Henri Becquerel (1896) French scientist

- uranium ores could produce an image on photographic plates in the absence of light
- postulated a spontaneous emission of radioactivity

Ernest Rutherford (1911) New Zealand scientist

- VERY famous gold foil experiment



- Conclusions

- Most of the atom is empty space.
- There is a dense, concentrated area of positive charge in the center of the atom known as the nucleus.

## 2.5 The Modern View of Atomic Structure: An Introduction

Particle	Mass	Charge	Location
proton			
neutron			
electron			

\*\* The “chemistry” of an element depends on its electronic arrangement.

Isotopes -

Atomic number -

Mass number -

Examples:

## 2.6 Molecules and Ions

Chemical bonds -

Type of Bond	Force Holding Atoms Together	Resulting Particle
covalent		
ionic		

Molecules can be represented by: (1) chemical formulas, (2) structural formulas, (3) space-filling models, or (4) ball & stick models.

Examples:

Ions -

- Cation -
- Anion -

## 2.7 An Introduction to the Periodic Table

Metals

- left side of periodic table
- good conductors of heat and electricity
- malleable and ductile
- lustrous
- tend to form cations

Non-metals

- right side of periodic table
- opposite physical properties of metals
- tend to form anions

Groups (families)

- vertical columns
- elements with similar chemical properties

Periods

- horizontal rows

\*\* Know the location of the following groups: alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, halogens, noble gases

## 2.8 Naming Simple Compounds

Binary Ionic Compounds

\_\_\_\_\_ide

(cation)

(anion)

For most of the transition metals, use the Stock system or the older system

- Stock system - use Roman numerals to indicate the charge of the cation
- older system - use *ic* for the higher charge and *ous* for the lower charge

### Ternary Ionic Compounds

\_\_\_\_\_

(cation)

(polyatomic ion)

**\*\* THESE POLYATOMIC IONS MUST BE MEMORIZED !!**

ammonium

nitrate

nitrite

hydroxide

phosphate

sulfate

sulfite

cyanide

carbonate

acetate

permanganate

chromate

dichromate

A useful mnemonic: large number of oxygens is *ate* and tiny number of oxygens is *ite*.

Examples:

### Binary Covalent Compounds

\_\_\_\_\_ide

(prefix - first element) (prefix - second element)

The prefixes are as follows:

mono  
di  
tri  
tetra  
penta  
hexa  
hepta  
octa  
nona  
deca

### Acids

Binary

hydro\_\_\_\_\_ic acid

Oxoacids

If the acid comes from an anion ending in *ate*

\_\_\_\_\_ic acid

If the acid comes from an anion ending in *ite*

\_\_\_\_\_ous acid

Examples: