

Evolution of concept of atomic structure

long time ago man wondered about the nature of matter and its structure? through the trials done by the scientists to answer questions across differents eras.

The concept of atomic structure is evolved.

Democritus's (Greek philospher) idea:

He imagine the possibility of **dividing any piece of matter to smaller parts**, then dividing those parts into smaller and so on, untill **an indivisible (indistructable)** fragement is obtained named **atom Smalles unit**



Aristotle's idea (4th century B.C)

- Reject former concept of atom and believed that matter whatever its nature composed of 4 components which are water, air, dust and fire.
- it was believed that cheap metals like iron and copper can be changed to precious one like gold by changing the propositions of 4 consitiuents.

This illogical idea blocked th dvelopmenty of chemistry for more than 1000 yrs

Because The scientists wre busy trying to changing cheap metals to precious ones.



Aristotle

Boyle's idea (1661):

Irish scientist Boyle reject Aristotle idea about nature. Gave the **first element definition**

Element



Pure simple substance that can't be changed to simpler forms by the tradditional chemical methods.



Boyle

Atomic Structure



Dalton's model of the atom (1803):

English scientis john dalton stated the first theory about the atomic structure.

The main postulates of Dalton's atomic theory:

- Element is composed of very minute particle called atom
- Atom is indivisble solid particle.
- **Masses** of atoms of the same elements are similar but masses of differents elements are different.
- The compounds are formed by the combination of atoms of different elements in simple numerical ratios.







Dalton

Thomson's model of atom (1897):

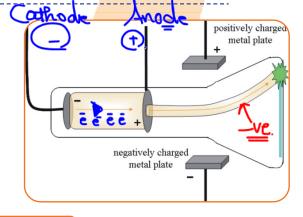
Thomson carried out many experiements on the **electric discharge through the gases**, from which he had discovered the **cathode rays**.

Discovery of cathod rays (1897)

- Gases don't conduct electricity under normal condtion of temprature and pressure.
- However gasses conduct electricity in a discharge tube whose electrodes are connected to an electric source with suitable potential difference between its electrodes and under very low pressure.
- If the potential difference between 2 electrodes increase to about 10,000 volts, a stream of invisible rays will be emitted from the cathode the negative electrode to the anode postive electrode causing flouresent glow on hitting the tube wall these rayes named "Cathode rays".



Thomson



Gas under low pressure Cathode rays

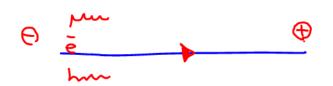
Cathode (Metal foil)

Anode (Metal foil)

Cathode rays

are streams of invisible rays emiited form the cathode of discharge tube in which the pressure of the gas is very low and the potential diffrenece betwen the two electrodes is about 10,000 volts.

later known that these rays are composed of minute particle called "Electrons".



Porperties of cathode rays

- Very minute negatively charged particles with negligible masses (Electrons)
- Moves in straight lines.
- Have a thermal effect.
- Affected by both electric and magnetic field.
- Don't vary with the nature of cathode material, or that of gas used, this is strong evidence that cathode

rays are fundemntal constituent of any matter. المريد المدري

notter Cathode = Electrons

The Postulates of Thomson's model

• Atom is solid sphere of uniform positive electric charge in which a number of negative electric charges electrons embedded to make the atom electrically neutral



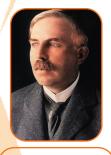




He is student of **Geiger** and **Marsden** had performed his famous laboratory experment.

Rutherford's experment:

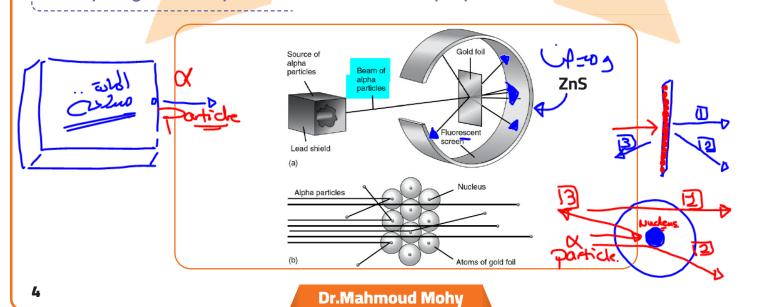
- A deep lead box conatin a sorce of alpha particles inside it.
- A metal sheet lined with layer of zinc sulphide ZnS.
- A very thin gold foil.

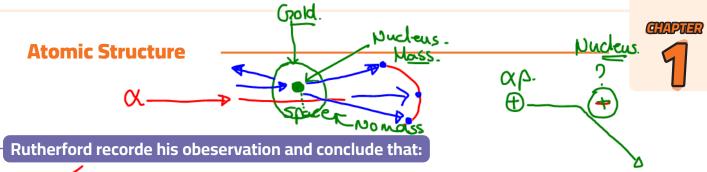


Rutherford

The procedure:

- The Position alpha particles were allowed to colloide with the metal sheet where it was possible to define the location and the number of alpha particles by counting he falshes which appeared on the metal sheet. (215) Zinc Jul Phide
- A very thin gold foil was placed between the beam of alpha particles and the metal sheet.







Observations

Appearnace of large number of flashes at the same position before the gold foil.

Appearance of flashes **on front of gold foil** (on the other side of gold foil)

Appearnce of some flashes on both sides of the position beforeplaceing the gold foil.

Explanations

Penetration most of alpha particle without deflection.

A very small precent of alpha particles didn't penerate gold foil and bounce back (reflected).

A small fraction of alpha particles pentrate the gold foil but deflection form the path.

Conclusions

Most of atomic volume is empty space.

Not solid like Dalton and Thomson proposed.

The atom contain a tiny part of very high density and most of atomic mass concentarted in called Nucleus

The dense part Nucleus has positive charge as alpha particles so alpha particles are repelled on approaching Nucleus.

Rutherford atom

Based on his experement and else. Rutherford designned the **first atomic model** on trial basis:

The postulates of Rutherford atomic theory:

1- Atom:

- Extermely **small size particle**.
- Comlicated stucture resemble the solar system, composed of central nucleus (Sun) and electrons revovled around it (Planets).

2- Nucleus:

- Much smaller than atom and most of atomic mass concentrated in it.
- Vast space between Nucleus and orbits of electrons so atom is not soild.
- Positively charged +11€

3- Electrons:

• Negligible mass compared to nucleus.



- They travel around nucleus at a tremdnous speed in special orbits, despite te mutual attraction between them and nuclues.
- Attraction force equal in quantity and opposite in the direction of the centrifugal force result in electrons revolved arounmd the nuclues without fall in it.

Drawback of Rutherford atomic model?



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Failed to explain atomic structure.

Because it didn't explain the system in which electrons revolve around nucleus.

ucleus