

- J. J. Thomson's cathode ray experiment
  - "cathode rays" pass from negative electrode towards positive electrode in an evacuated tube

  - calculated mass to charge ratio for electrons by observing bending of cathode rays in electric and magnetic fields
  - proposed the plum pudding model of the atom

**Table: Hypothetical properties of the electron.** How J. J. Thomson used properties of cathode rays to hypothesize properties of the electron.

observations	hypothesis
ray properties are independent of the cathode material	cathode ray stuff is a component of all materials
cathode rays bend near magnets	magnets bend the paths of moving charged particles; maybe cathode rays are streams of moving charged particles
rays bend towards a positively charged plate. rays impart a negative charge to objects they strike.	cathode rays are streams of negative charges
Cathode rays don't bend around small obstacles, cast sharp shadows, can turn paddlewheels placed in their path, and travel in straight lines	cathode rays behave like streams of particles

### Probing Atomic Structure: Cathode Rays



## **Discovery of the Electron**



## **Thomson's Plum Pudding Atom**



## **Discovery of the Nucleus**



#### **Discovery of the Nucleus**

- Radioactivity
  - heavy elements are radioactive
  - o electric field resolves radiation into 3 components: alpha, beta, and gamma

 Table: hypothetical description of alpha particles based on properties of alpha radiation

observation	hypothesis
alpha rays don't diffract	alpha radiation is a stream of particles
alpha rays deflect towards a negatively charged plate and away from a positively charged plate	alpha particles have a positive charge
alpha rays are deflected only slightly by an electric field; a cathode ray passing through the same field is deflected strongly	alpha particles either have much lower charge or much greater mass than electrons

- scattering experiment
  - hypothesis: If the plum pudding model of the atom is correct, atoms have no concentration of mass or charge (atoms are 'soft' targets)
  - experiment to test hypothesis:
    - fire massive alpha particles at the atoms in thin metal foil
    - alpha particles should pass like bullets straight through soft plum pudding atoms
  - o observation: a few alpha particles ricocheted!
  - new hypotheses:
    - all of the positive charge and nearly all of the mass of the atom is concentrated in a tiny, incredibly dense 'nucleus', about 10<sup>-14</sup> m in diameter
    - electrons roam empty space about 10<sup>-10</sup> m across, around the nucleus

### **The Nuclear Atom**

#### Thomson's Atom

diffuse mass and charge

#### Rutherford's Atom

- concentrated mass and positive charge at the nucleus
- electrons roam empty space around the nucleus



- Composition of the Nucleus
  - o nuclei are composed of "nucleons": protons and neutrons
  - o atomic mass units
    - 1 amu (aka 1 dalton) = exactly 1/12 the mass of a carbon-12 nucleus
    - 1 dalton =  $1.67 \times 10^{-24} g$

Table: Subatomic particles important in chemistry.

particle	symbol	charge	mass, kg	mass, daltons
electron	e-	-1	9.10953×10 <sup>-31</sup>	0.000548
proton	p+	+1	1.67265×10 <sup>-27</sup>	1.007276
neutron	n	0	1.67495×10 <sup>-27</sup>	1.008665

# **Structure of the Nucleus**

\* nuclei are composed of "nucleons": protons and neutrons

	Symbol		Mass, kg	Mass, amu	
electro proton neutro	$p^{n} e^{-}$ $p^{+}$ n n	-1 +1 0	$\begin{array}{l} 9.10953 \ge 10^{-31} \\ 1.67265 \ge 10^{-27} \\ 1.67495 \ge 10^{-27} \end{array}$	0.000548 1.007276 1.008665	



## Isotopes

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