

# Atoms, Elements, & The Periodic Table

## <u>Matter</u> – anything that has mass & volume

## <u>Element</u> – a substance composed of only 1 kind of atom

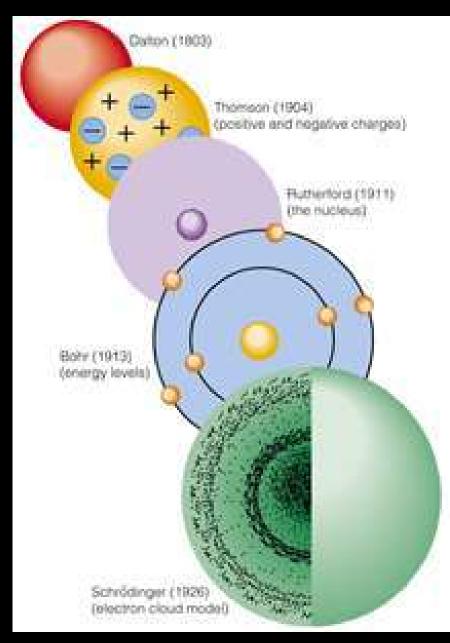
## <u>Atom</u> – smallest particle of an element

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## Atomic structure:

#### history of atomic models

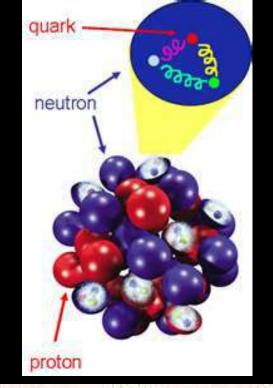
- 1803: John Dalton concluded that all matter is made of atoms.
- 1904: J.J.Thompson discovered electrons & proposed the "plum pudding model"
- 1911: Earnest Rutherford discovered the nucleus.
- 1913: Neils Bohr proposed that electrons orbit with electrostic forces rather than gravity. the "planetary model"
- 1926: Erwin Schrodinger analyzed electron orbits from a geometric point using quantum physics,

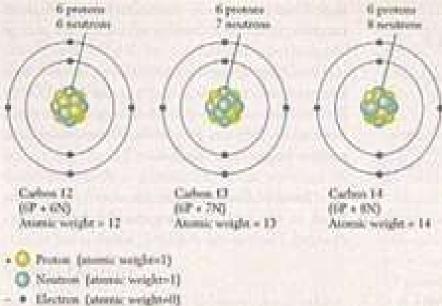


<u>Quarks</u> – small particles that
make up protons and neutrons.
3 quarks held together by the
strong nuclear force (p<sup>+</sup> or n°).

Isotopes - Atoms of the same element with different numbers of neutrons.

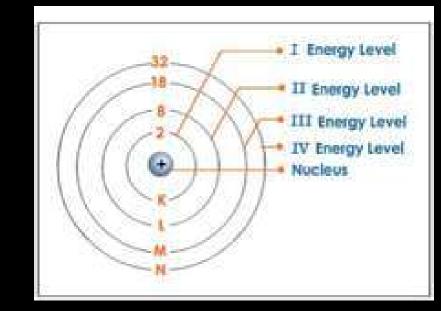
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## Electron energy levels

- 1st level = maximum <u>2</u>
- 2nd level = maximum <u>8</u>
- 3rd level = maximum <u>18</u>
- 4th level = maximum 32
- 5<sup>th</sup> level = maximum 32
- 6<sup>th</sup> level = maximum <u>18</u>
- 7<sup>th</sup> level = maximum <u>8</u>

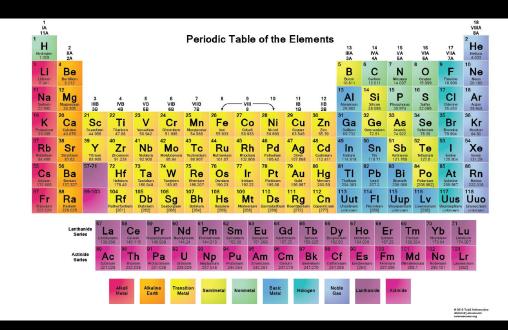


 <u>Valence</u> electrons (very outside ring) can never exceed 8 electrons

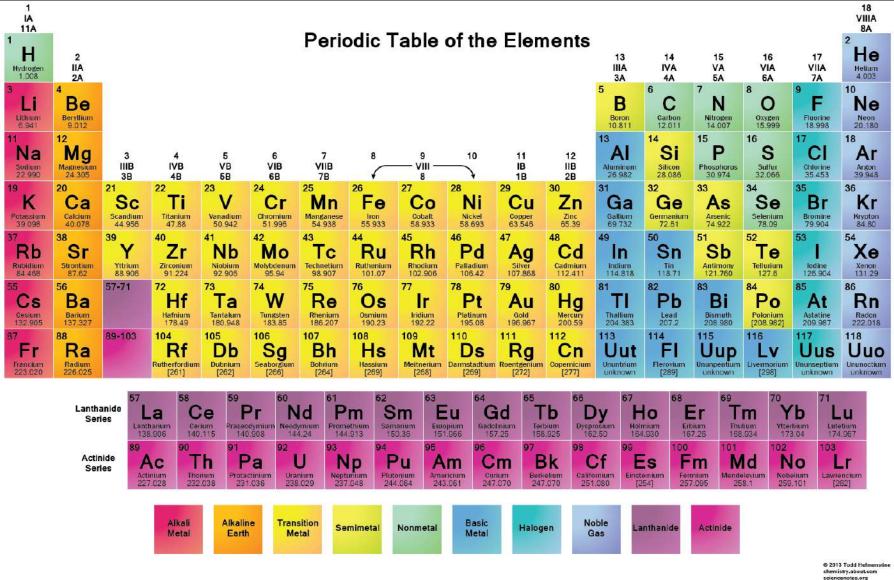
### Periodic Table of the Elements we will learn how to interpret the table & learn the most important element symbols. •The symbol: 1<sup>st</sup> letter is capital, 2<sup>nd</sup> letter is lower case. (most symbols are in Latin) Atomic Number = # of protons, or # of electrons. (in a stable atom, the # of protons is equal to the number of electrons) Ex: Lithium has 3 p<sup>+</sup> & 3 e<sup>-</sup> Atomic mass/weight = # of protons plus # of neutrons. (avg. is due to isotopes) 6.94**Ex:** Lithium 7 has 4 neutrons. 7 - 3 = 4Lithium 6 has 3 neutrons. 6 - 3 = 3

Periodic Table of the Elements

- The column is called a group or family (all elements in a family have similar characteristics)
- The number above the column is the group number and identifies the # of valence electrons.
- The element at the top of the column is the family name.
- The row is called a period & tells how many rings of electrons the atom has.

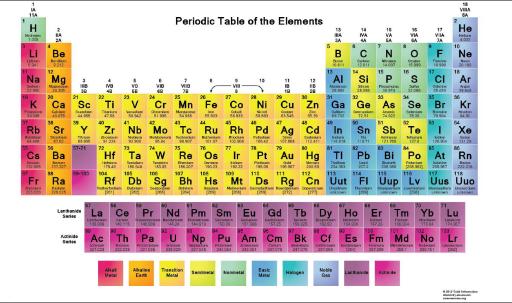


## Mendeleev arranged the elements in the table by increasing atomic number/atomic mass/number of protons.



## Periodic Table of the Elements

- <u>Metals</u>: good conductors, shiny, malleable, & ductile
- <u>Non-metals</u>: poor conductors, dull, & brittle or powdery
- <u>Noble Gases</u> group 18 (He family), stable atoms, do not naturally form compounds
- <u>Metalloids</u>: some characteristics of metals & some of non-metals



Chemical Elements.com - An Interactive Periodic Table of the Elements

#### 6 most common elements found in living things:

- Carbon
- Hydrogen
- Oxygen
- Nitrogen
- Phosphorous
- Sulfur

The main element in all organic compounds is Carbon

(more on compounds in our next unit)