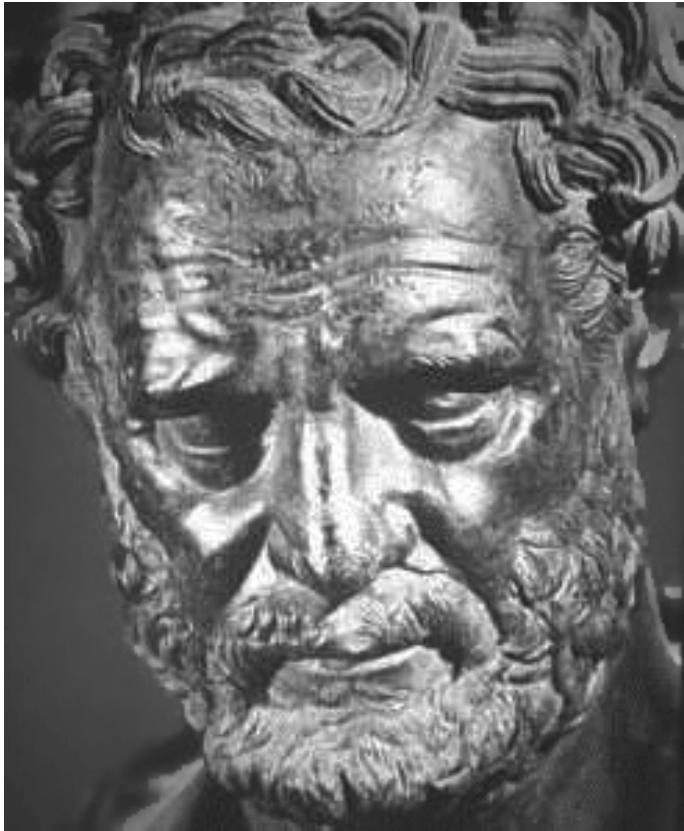


LECTURE

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History of the atom



In 460 BC Democritus developed the idea of atoms.

He pounded up materials in his pestle and mortar until he had reduced them to smaller and smaller particles which he called

Atoma

(Greek for indivisible)

History of the atom



In 1808 John Dalton suggested that all matter was made up of tiny spheres that were able to bounce around with perfect elasticity and called them

Atoms

History of the atom

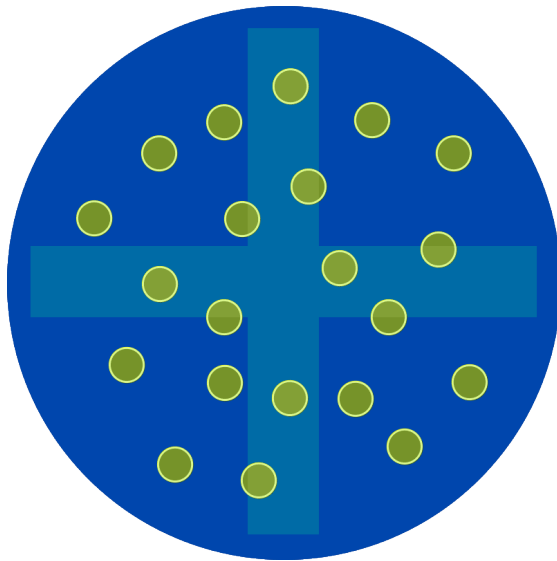


In 1890 Joseph John Thomson found that atoms could sometimes eject a far smaller negative particle which he called an

Electron

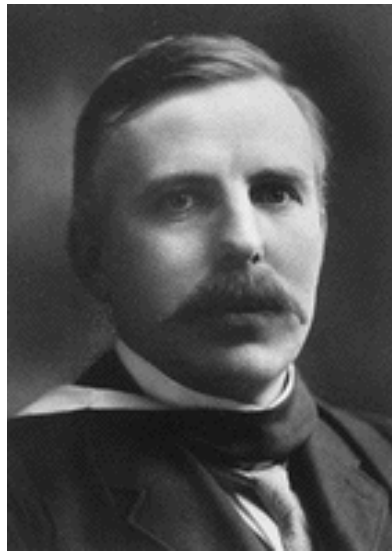
History of the atom

In 1904 Thompson develops the idea that an atom was made up of electrons scattered unevenly within an elastic sphere surrounded by a soup of positive charge to balance the electron's charge like plums surrounded by pudding.



Plum Pudding Model

History of the atom

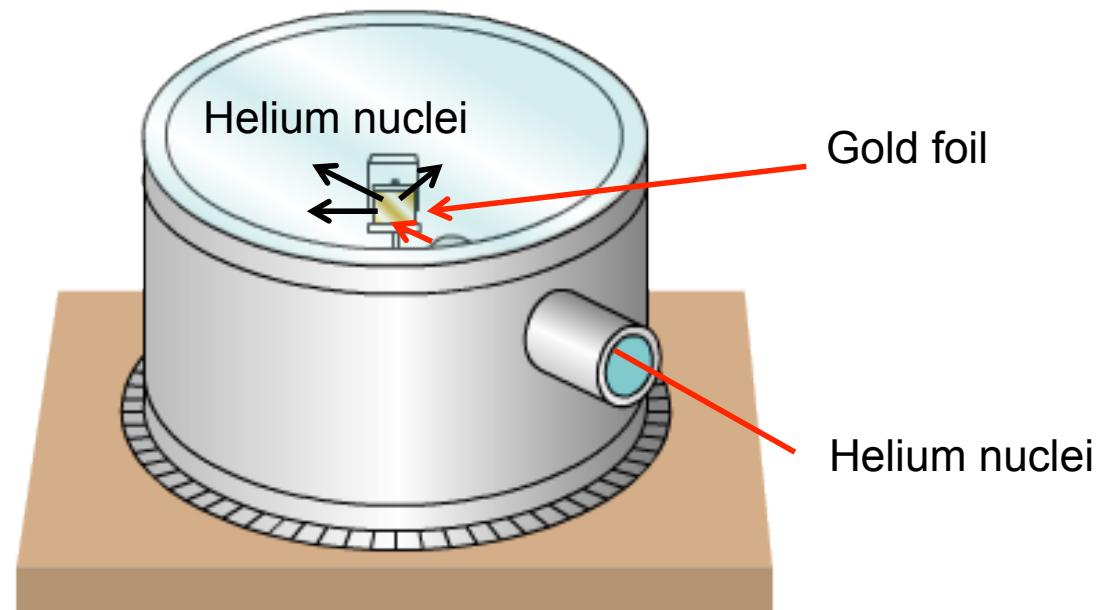


In 1910 Ernest Rutherford oversaw Geiger and Marsden carrying out his famous experiment.

They fired Helium nuclei at a piece of **gold foil** which was only a few atoms thick.

They found that although most of them passed through, about 1 in 10,000 hit.

History of the atom



They found that while most of the helium nuclei passed through the foil, a small number were deflected and, to their surprise, some helium nuclei bounced straight back.

History of the atom

Rutherford's new evidence allowed him to propose a more detailed model with a **central nucleus**.

He suggested that the **positive charge** was all in a central nucleus. With this holding the electrons in place by electrical attraction.

However, this was not the end of the story.

History of the atom



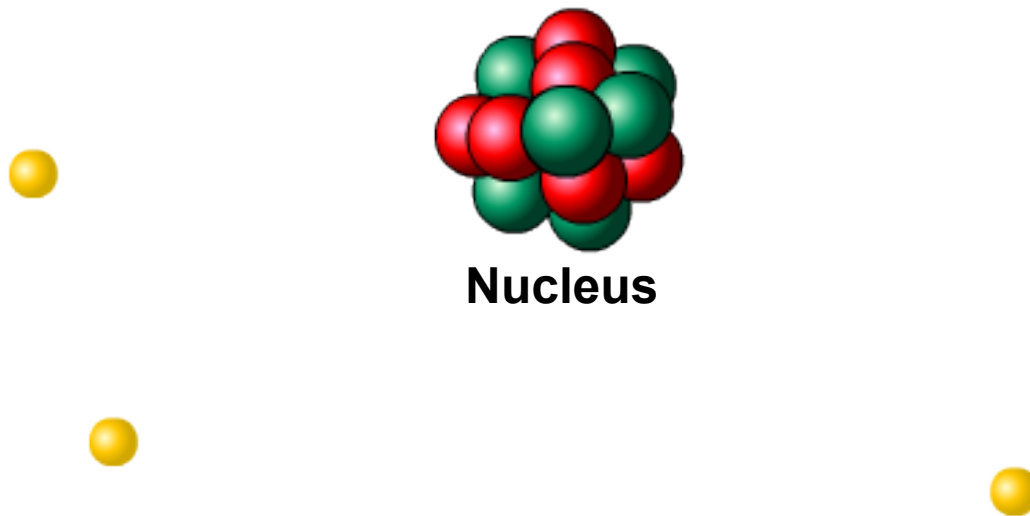
In 1913 Niels Bohr studied under Rutherford at the Victoria University in Manchester.

Bohr refined Rutherford's idea by adding that the electrons were in **orbits**. Rather like planets orbiting the sun.

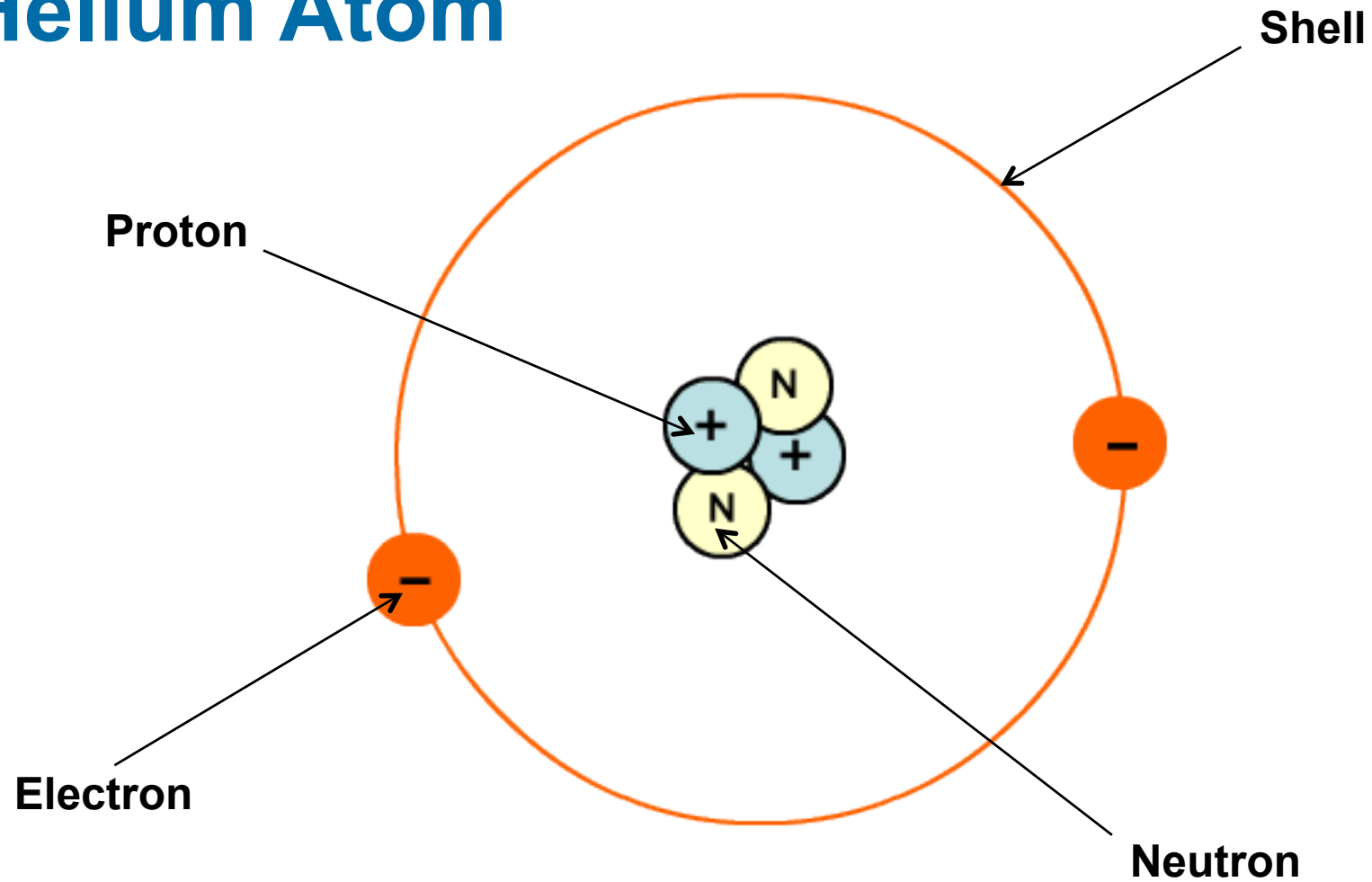
With each orbit only able to contain a set number of electrons.

Bohr's Atom

● Electrons in orbits



Helium Atom

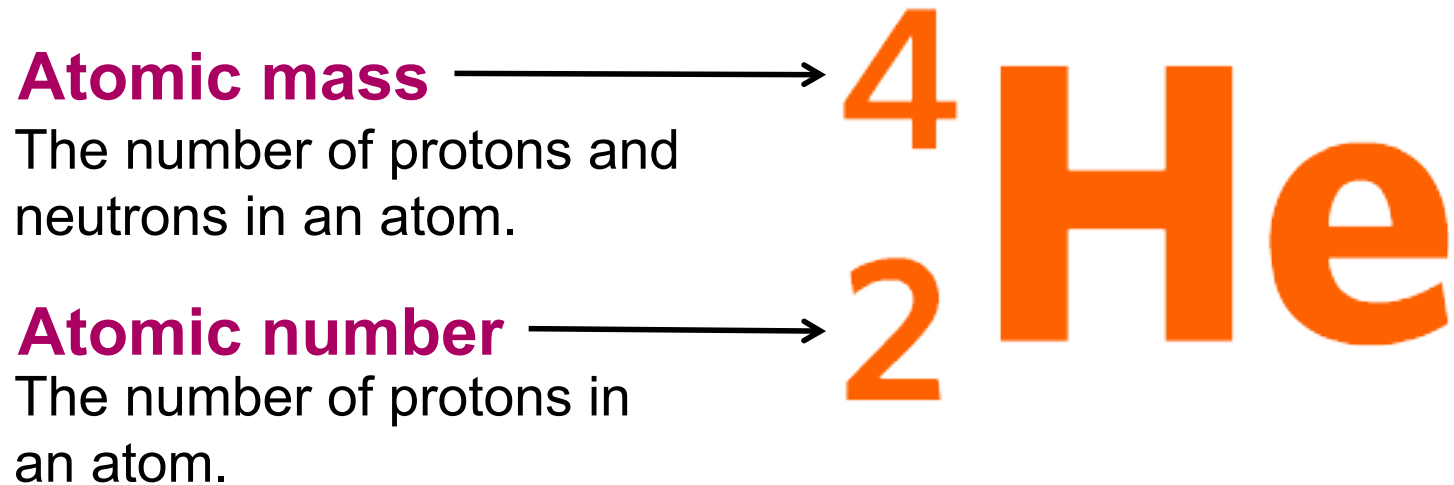


What do these particles consist of?

Atomic Structure

Particle	Charge	Mass
Proton	+ ve charge	1
Neutron	No charge	1
Electron	-ve charge	Nil

Atomic Structure



Number of electrons = number of protons

Atomic Structure

Electrons are arranged in **Energy Levels** or **Shells** around the nucleus of an atom.

- First shell \rightarrow maximum of **2** electrons
- Second shell \rightarrow a maximum of **8** electrons
- Third shell \rightarrow a maximum of **18** electrons

Atomic Structure

There are two ways to represent the atomic structure of an element or compound;

- 1. Electronic Configuration**
- 2. Dot & Cross Diagrams**

Electronic Configuration

With electronic configuration elements are represented **numerically** by the number of electrons in their shells and number of shells. For example;

Nitrogen → configuration = 2, 5

2 in 1st shell

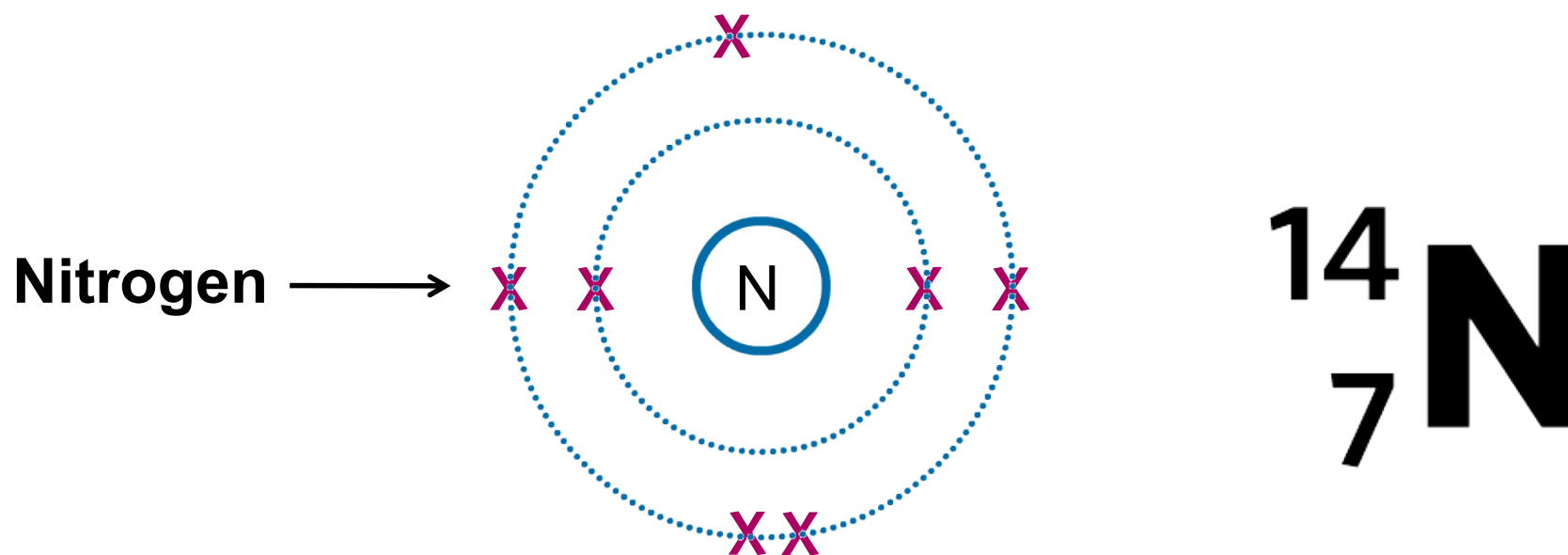
5 in 2nd shell

$$2 + 5 = \textcircled{7}$$



Dot & Cross Diagrams

With Dot & Cross diagrams elements and compounds are represented by Dots or Crosses to show electrons, and circles to show the shells. For example;



Summary

1. The **Atomic Number** of an atom = number of protons in the nucleus.
2. The **Atomic Mass** of an atom = number of Protons + Neutrons in the nucleus.
3. The number of Protons = Number of Electrons.
4. Electrons orbit the nucleus in **shells**.
5. Each shell can only carry a **set** number of electrons.