

Structure of the atom

- The Bohr model proposed the existence of atomic energy levels.
- The plum pudding model had electrons in the atom with protons as they were neutral they were used to prove the existence of electrons.
- In the Rutherford-Massey and high-energy alpha particles which were shot at a thin film of gold (a few atoms thick), and it was seen that a few were repelled.
 - Alpha particles (α) are ${}^4_2\text{He}$ with no electrons.
 - Since electrons are 7000 times less massive than α particles they would be able to scatter the protons.
 - Since protons emit a positive electromagnetic field which is uniform the alpha particles won't be off course because of the protons as the huge amount of protons will almost cancel out the others electromagnetic force.
 - In the experiment it was seen that $\frac{1}{8000}$ alpha particles were shot back. The only possible way for this to occur was by having a single point where most of the mass of the atom was concentrated (the nucleus).
- Taking this into consideration, the new atom model was:
 - Mass of atom is concentrated in the nucleus, which is positively charged, and is surrounded by negatively charged particles.
 - The size of the nucleus is $10^{-8} - 10^{-5}$ times smaller than the atom (depending on the atom).
- Using the Rutherford scattering simulation it can be observed that the larger the alpha particles kinetic energy, the smaller the deflection angle (all other variables constant).
 - Furthermore, the greater the E_k , the closer the particle will be able to reach the atom.
 - Unless the alpha particle penetrates the nucleus, the closest approach distance must be at least the sum of the alpha particle & nucleus radius.
 - This sets an upper limit (lower) for how large the nucleus could be, 10^{-14} m, 10^4 times smaller than the atom.
 - With the volume being proportional to the cube of the radius, an atom is mostly empty space with the nucleus occupying less than 10^{-12} of the volume of an atom.

The structure of matter

- Cloud chambers allow for the observation of the particle tracks.
- It was predicted that there were a set of elementary particles where a combination of them would make up a certain class of particles called hadrons.
 - Quarks make up hadrons.
 - There are 6 different types of quarks
 - up: $+\frac{2}{3}e$
 - down: $-\frac{1}{3}e$
 - top: $+\frac{2}{3}e$
 - bottom: $-\frac{1}{3}e$
 - Strange: $-\frac{1}{3}e$, 1 strange quark
 - Charm: $+\frac{2}{3}e$
- In the quark model, the proton is composed out of a two up quarks and a down quark.
 - This gives the proton a charge of $+e$.
- The neutron is made of an up quark and two down quarks.
 - This gives the neutron a charge of 0.
- With the exception of a positron all anti-particles are written with a line over them.
 - Antiproton: \bar{p} , antineutron: \bar{n} , antielectron: \bar{e} .
- The antiproton is made of two anti-up quarks, and an anti-down quark giving it a charge of $-e$.
 - $\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{d}$.
- The antiparticle is: \bar{p} particle with the same mass and spin, but opposite spin & charge.
 - They also have the opposite quantum numbers.
- \bar{p} particles and its antiparticle will annihilate if they collide with one another, known as pair annihilation.
 - This process will release gamma radiation/photons (just packets of energy).
 - The energy will be equal to the energy equivalent of their masses. ($E=mc^2$)
- Pair production is when a photon interacts with the nucleus of an atom and generates a particle and its anti-particle.