

# 4.2 STRUCTURE OF THE NUCLEAR ATOM

## Section Review

### Objectives

- Identify three types of subatomic particles
- Describe the structure of atoms according to the Rutherford model

### Vocabulary

- electrons
- cathode ray
- protons
- neutrons
- nucleus

### Part A Completion

Use this completion exercise to check your understanding of the concepts and terms that are introduced in this section. Each blank can be completed with a term, short phrase, or number.

Dalton theorized that atoms are indivisible, but the discovery of 1 particles changed this theory. Scientists now know that atoms are made up of electrons, which have a 2 charge; 3, which have a positive charge; and 4, which are neutral. The latter two particles are found in the 5 of the atom. It was 6 who discovered the nucleus of the atom. The nucleus, which has a 7 charge, occupies a very small volume of the atom. In contrast, the negatively charged 8 occupy most of the volume of the atom.

### Part B True-False

Classify each of these statements as always true, AT; sometimes true, ST; or never true, NT.

- ★ NT 9. According to Dalton's atomic theory, atoms are composed of protons, electrons, and neutrons.
- ST/AT 10. Atoms of elements are electrically neutral.
- NT 11. The mass of an electron is equal to the mass of a neutron.
- AT 12. The charge on all protons is the same.

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### Part C Matching

Match each description in Column B to the correct term in Column A

Column A	Column B
<u>C</u> 13. electrons	a. stream of electrons produced at the negative electrode of a tube containing a gas at low pressure
<u>A</u> 14. cathode ray	b. the central core of an atom, which is composed of protons and neutrons
<u>E</u> 15. protons	c. negatively charged subatomic particles
<u>D</u> 16. neutrons	d. subatomic particles with no charge
<u>B</u> 17. nucleus	e. positively charged subatomic particles

### Part D Questions and Problems

Answer the following questions in the space provided.

18. Which subatomic particles are found in the nucleus of an atom?  
 $p^+ + n^0$
19. Which subatomic particles are charged?  
 $e^-$   $p^+$

★ 20. Describe Rutherford's model of the atom, including the location of protons, neutrons, and electrons with respect to the nucleus. How does this model explain the deflections of a beam of alpha particles aimed at a sheet of gold foil?

The  $p^+$  and  $n^0$  are located in a small nucleus, which has most of the atom's mass. The rest of the atom is mostly space w/  $e^-$ . The beams deflected since they are + &  $p^+$  are positive + like charges repel.