# Developing Models of Matter

#### About 450 BC

- Greek Philosopher Empedocles
- Earth, Air, Wind, Fire

#### About 400 BC

- Democritus
- matter made of tiny particles
- called them atoms



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#### About 350 BC

- Aristotle
- very influential because he was educated
- Empedocles model accepted for nearly 2000 years

#### AD 500-1600

- Alchemists-part philosopher, mystic, magicion and chemist
- developed many of our current procedures and tools but still accepted the 4 element model





### **About 1650**

- Robert Boyle
- developed a new definition for "element"
- " a pure substance that cannot be broken down into simpler substances"

#### About late 1700's

- Priestly, Lavoisier and Cavendish
- isolated oxygen and later hydrogen and recognised them as elements



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#### 1808

- John Dalton
  - All matter is made of tiny particles
  - Each element has its own kind
  - Compounds are created when elements combine
  - atoms cannot be created or destroyed





# 1800's

- 1831-Michael Faraday
  - matter must contain positive and negative charges
  - opposite charges attract, like charges repel
  - atoms combine to form compounds because of electrical attractions





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#### 1904

- JJ Thomson
- "raison bun" model
  - atoms contain particles called electrons
  - electrons are very small and negative
  - remainder is a sphere with a positive charge
  - electrons are "embedded" in this sphere, resulting in an uncharged atom





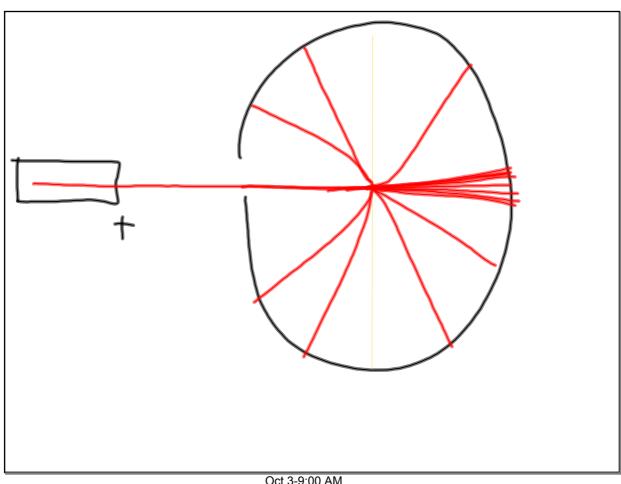
# 1911

- Ernest Rutherford
- gold foil experiment
  - a tiny dense postive core called the nucleus
  - surrounded by mostly empty space containing the rapidly moving negative electrons





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#### **Inside the Atom**

-atoms consist of sub-atomic particles protons-positively charged electrons-negatively charged neutrons-neutral

-the number of protons is significant since it is this that determines what the element actually is

atomic number = number of protons number of protons = number of electrons number of neutrons = mass number - number of protons

-a charged atom is called an ion

-electrons are very small and can be stripped off easily

-since each proton balances each electron, the ion has a charge equal to the number of electrons it has lost Example: Na<sup>+1</sup> has lost one electron





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