

Democritus (~2500 years ago)



There had to be a limit to where you could no longer break something into smaller parts... He called the smallest fragment an **atom!** 

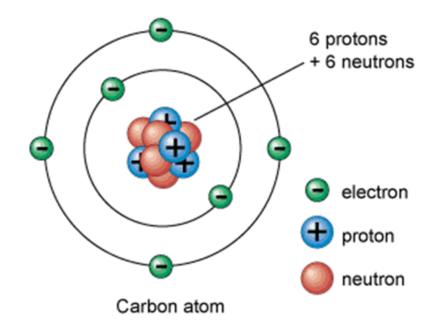
"Atomos" = "unable to cut"

How do we define an atom?

- -The basic unit of matter.
- Atoms are incredibly small!



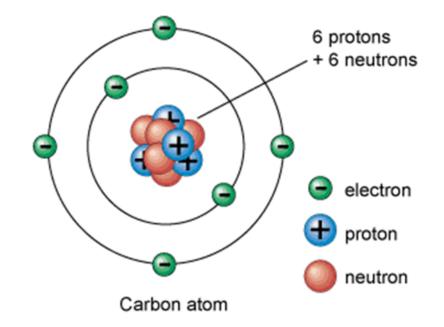
Even though atoms are extremely small, they are made up of even smaller *subatomic* particles!



#### Nucleus of an Atom:

Protons = (+) Neutrons = (0)

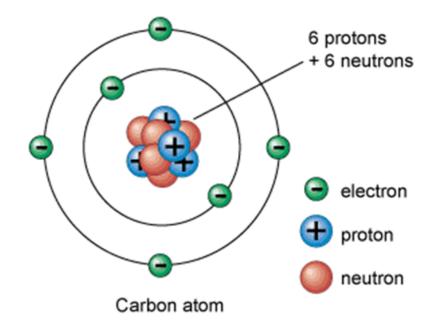
\*both protons and neutrons have the same mass, and are held together by strong forces.



Surrounding the Nucleus: Electrons = (-) charge

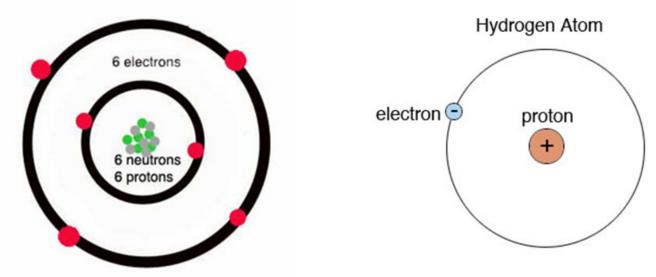
\*Has a much smaller mass than protons.

\*Always in constant motion in the space around the nucleus.



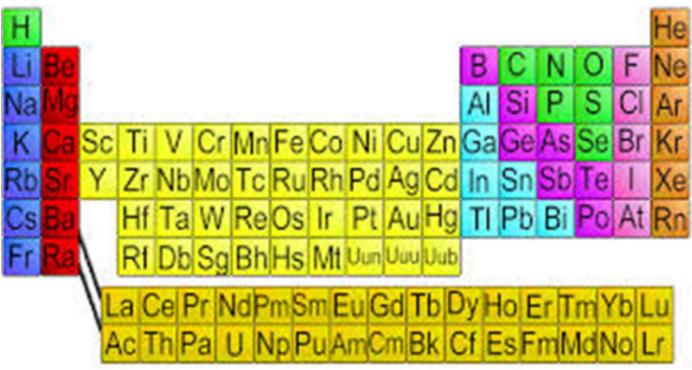
The number of electrons and protons are always equal.

- their positive and negative charges balance out, so atoms themselves are electrically neutral!



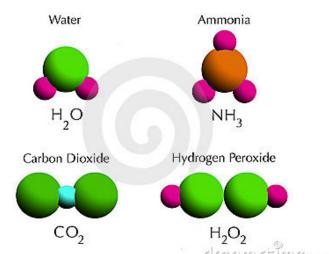
what are elements?

An element is a pure substance that consists entirely of one type of atom.

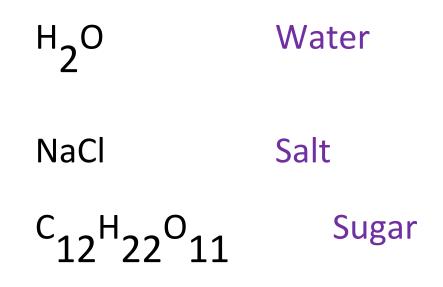


In nature, most elements are found combined with other elements.

A chemical compound is a substance formed by the chemical combination of two or more elements in definite proportions. Common Chemical Compounds



We use chemical/molecular formulas to show the composition of compounds.



The physical and chemical properties of compounds are usually very different from the elements that make them up.

#### Hydrogen and Oxygen

-gases at room temp, but combine explosively to from liquid water.

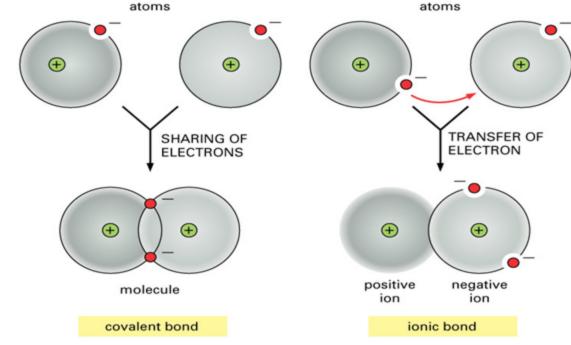
#### **Sodium and Chlorine**

- silver-colored metal you can cut with a knife.
- Chlorine poisonous yellow-green gas used during WWI



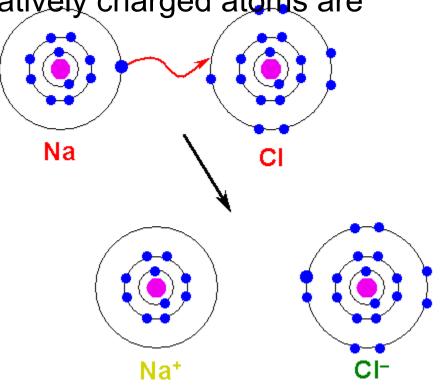
Chemical bonds hold the atoms of different compounds together.

- Ionic bonding
- covalent bonding

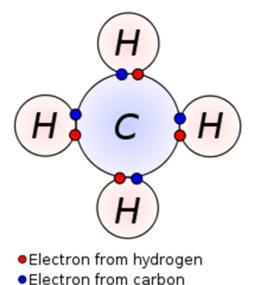


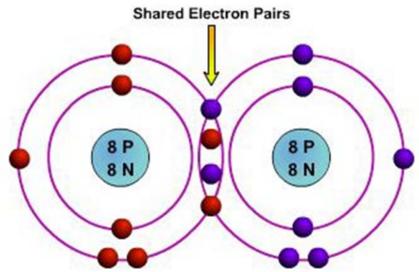
- Ionic bonds
  - The positively and negatively charged atoms are called ions.

Oppositely charged ions attract!



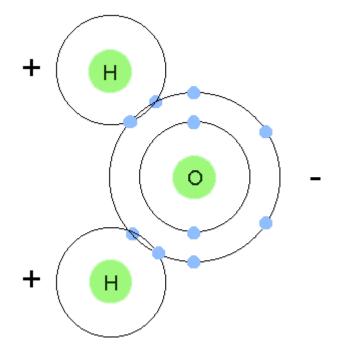
- Covalent bonds
  - the electrons are shared.
  - this means the shared electrons travels around the nuclei of both atoms. Shared Electron Pairs





Oxygen (O2) Molecule

- Covalent bonds
  - When atoms join by covalent bonds, molecules from!



# **Representing Molecules**

Molecular Formulas Shows which atoms and how many are in a molecule.

<u>Structural Formulas</u> Shows how atoms are arranged in a molecule.

