## Atomic Model notes

Atomic model: Model used to demonstrate what particles are in the atom.

Past knowledge: An atom is generally in a neutral state. This means it has the same amount of $\mathrm{p}^{+}$and $\mathrm{e}^{-}$.

Rutherford: 1911
Rutherford used a gold foil experiment to come up with his theories.


## His theories:

1. The atom is very big and almost empty. T or F? Why?
2. The atom has a small dense nucleus in the middle. T or F? Why?

3. The nucleus is positively charged. T or F?

Why?
4. Electrons revolve around the nucleus and are freely moving. T or F Why?

Bohr: 1913
Agreed with all of Rutherford's theories except for the placement of the electrons.

## Bohr's theory on $\mathrm{e}^{-}$:

Electrons were found on orbits which were continually moving. The orbits can hold a specific number of $\mathrm{e}^{-}$

Orbit 1 holds up to:
Orbit 2 holds up to:
Orbit 3 holds up to:
Orbit 4 holds up to:

Electrons stick to the orbits because of the speed the orbit is moving at. Electrons can move from one orbit to another when stimulated by heat or electricity.

## Rutherford-Bohr Model

## Carbon

## 6 <br> C <br> 12.011

## Making models

He
B
P
Ca

Which picture is incorrect?


Which elements are the correct pictures?

## Past exam questions

1. Rutherford modified the atomic model after doing experiments where the alpha particles were dispersed by a sheet of gold foil. Considering the statements below, which statements are based on Rutherford's experiments only?

1- The number of protons is equal to the number of electrons.
2- $\quad$ Protons are concentrated in a small positive space at the center of the atom.
3- Atoms consist of mostly empty space.
4- Electrons are contained in a positive sphere made up of protons.
5- Electrons move about in specific energy levels.
A)1 and 2
B) 1 and 4
C) 2 and 3
D) 2, 3 and 5
2. Which of the following best represents the aluminum (Al) atom according to the Rutherford-Bohr model?
A)

C)

B)

D)

$2 \mathrm{e}^{-} 8 \mathrm{e}^{-} 3 \mathrm{e}^{-}$

