C3 & 4: Atoms and the periodic table

Lesson sequence

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1. Structure of atoms	
***Particle**	The tiny pieces that all matter is made from.
***Atom**	The smallest independent particle. Everything is made of atoms.
****Size of atoms**	About 1 x 10^{-10} m in diameter.
****Dalton's model of atoms**	- Tiny hard spheres - Can't be broken down - Can't be created or destroyed - Atoms of an element are identical - Different elements have different atoms
***Subatomic particles**	Smaller particles that atoms are made from.
***Proton**	Mass = 1 Charge = +1 Location = nucleus
***Neutron**	Mass = 1 Charge = 0 Location = nucleus
***Electron**	Mass = 1/1835 (negligible) Charge = -1 Location = shells orbiting nucleus
***Nucleus**	Central part of an atom, 100,000 times smaller than the overall atom

2. Detailed structure of atoms	
****Alpha particle**	Small positively charged particle made of two protons and two neutrons
****Scattering**	When particles bounce back or change direction.
****Rutherford's experiment**	Fired alpha particles at gold leaf
****Rutherford's results**	Most alpha particles went through, some scattered (changed direction)
****Rutherford's explanation**	Scattered particles hit a solid nucleus. Most did not hit it, therefore nucleus is small
***Atomic number**	The bottom number on the periodic table, gives the number of protons and electrons.
***Atomic mass**	The top number on the periodic table, gives the total protons and neutrons together
***Number of protons**	The atomic number
***Number of electrons**	The atomic number
***Number of neutrons**	Atomic mass – atomic number

3. Isotopes	
****Isotopes**	Atoms with the same number of protons but different number of neutrons
****Describing isotopes**	Mass after the name (e.g. boron-10) or superscript before the symbol (^{10}B)
***Nuclear fission**	Large unstable atoms break into two smaller stable ones.
****Uses of fission**	Nuclear power, nuclear weapons
****Relative atomic mass, A_r**	The weighted average of the masses of all of the isotopes of an element.
*****Abundance**	The percentage of an element that is made of a particular isotope.
*****Calculating A_r**	- Multiply each mass by the decimal % - Add these up **Note:** (decimal % = %/100)

4. Mendeleev's periodic table	
***Dmitri Mendeleev**	Russian chemist, developed the periodic table
***Mendeleev's periodic table**	Ordered by increasing A_r, some elements switched according to their properties
***Chemical properties**	Includes reaction with acid and formula of oxide.
***Physical properties**	Includes melting point and density.
****Gaps in Mendeleev's periodic table**	Mendeleev left gaps where no known element fitted and predicted these would be filled with newly discovered elements
****Eka-aluminium**	An element that Mendeleev thought would fill a gap. He predicted its properties, which matched gallium when discovered.

5. The modern periodic table	
***Noble gases**	Gases that do not react: He, Ne, Ar, Kr
****Mosely's experiment**	Fired electrons at samples of elements and measured X-rays produced
****Mosely's results**	Energy of x-rays produced proportional to the positive charge of the element
****Conc. from Mosely's work**	The atomic number must be the number of protons in the atoms
****Pair reversals**	Elements (like Ar and K) that are not in order of increasing mass.
****Explaining pair reversals**	It means elements should be order elements by increasing atomic number instead.

6. Electron configuration	
***Shells**	Electrons orbit atoms in shells
***First shell**	Holds up to two electrons.
***Second shell**	Holds up to eight electrons.
***Third shell**	Holds up to eight electrons
***Number of electrons**	Given by the atomic number.
***Filling shells**	Fill shells from the first shell out. Move up a shell when current one is full.
***Electron configuration**	The number of electrons in each shell (e.g. Al is 2.8.3)
***Outer shell**	The last shell with any electrons in it.
****Groups**	Columns in the periodic table, tell you the number of electrons in the outer shell.
****Periods**	Rows in the periodic table, tell you the number of electron shells