A HAND BOOK OF CHEMICAL

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1. HYDROGEN





Name : Hydrogen Pronounced as : HI-dreh-jen Symbol : H Atomic Number: 1 Atomic weight : $1.00794 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$ Melting point : 14.01 K, -259.14^oC, -434.45^oF Boiling point : 20.28 K, -252.87⁰C, -423.17⁰F Van der waals radius : 0.12 nm Ionic radius : 0.208 (-1 nm)Atomic volume : $14.4 \text{ cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$ Density@ 20° C : 0.0000899 g cm⁻³, 88 Kg m⁻³ Colour : Colourless Standard state at 298 K : Gas Element classification : Non-metallic Period number : 1 Group number : 1 Group name : None

Block in periodic table : S-Block Shells: 1 Electronic Configuration : 1S² Oxidation state : +1, -1Valence : 1Pauling electro negativity : 2.20 First Ionization Energy : 1312.0 kJ mol⁻¹ Second ionization Energy : No data No. of isotopes : 3 No. of stable isotopes : 2 CAS Registry ID: 1333-74-0 Standard potential : 0 Structure : Simple hexagonal Discovered by : Henry Cavendish Year of discovery : 1766 Named by : Antonie Laurent Lavoisier In the year of : 1783

History :

A favourite school chemistry experiment is to add a metal such as magnesium to an acid. The metal reacts with the acid, forming a salt and releases hydrogen from an acid. The hydrogen gas bubbles up from the liquid and students collect it in small quantities for further experiments, such as the 'pop-test'. The first recorded instance of hydrogen made by human action was in the first half of the 1500's by a similar method to that used in schools now.

Hydrogen was probably discovered many times. Many early chemists reported finding a 'flammable gas' in some experiments.

Scientists has been producing hydrogen for years before it was recognised as an element. Written records indicate that Robert Boyle produced hydrogen gas as early as 1671 while experimenting with iron and hydrochloric acid and sulphuric acid. In both cases a gas that burned easily with a pale blue flame was produced. The problem with these early discoveries was that chemists did not understand the nature of gas very well. They had not learned that there are many kinds of gases. They thought that all the 'gases', they saw were some form of air with impurities in it.

Hydrogen was first recognised as distinct element by Henry Cavendish in 1766. Cavendish discovered hydrogen in experiments like those Boyle performed. Lavoisier later named the element in 1783. The name comes from the Greek 'hudro' meaning water and 'genes' meaning 'forming'. Hydrogen is one of the two water forming elements.

In 1806 with hydrogen, well established as an element, Humphrey Davi pushed a strong electric current through purified water. He found hydrogen and oxygen were formed.