ATOMIC STRUCTURE

An atom is the smallest part of an element & made from three types of **subatomic particles**.

All three are smaller than an **atom**.



SUBATOMIC PARTICLE	RELATIVE MASS	RELATIVE CHARGE
Proton	1	+1
Neutron	1	0
Electron	Very Small	-1

Atoms are neutral; proton (+1) and electron (-1) numbers are equal.

NUCLEUS

- > Centre of an atom
- > Protons & neutrons are found here
- > Positively charged
- > Almost all mass here

ELECTRONS-

> Orbit the **nucleus** in energy levels called **shells**



