



# AP Chemistry Ultimate Review Packet

## Unit 1: Atomic Structure and Properties

### Atoms and Molecules, Pure Substances and Mixtures

**Atoms** are the smallest unit of an element (substances on the [periodic table](#))

**Molecules** contain two or more atoms that are chemically bound:

- molecules can be **elements** if they contain one kind of atom
- molecules can be **compounds** if they contain more than one kind of atom

**Pure substances** include elements and compounds

**Mixtures** contain two or more pure substances

- mixtures can be **homogeneous** if substances are dispersed *evenly*
- mixtures can be **heterogeneous** if substances are dispersed *unevenly*

### The Structure of the Atom

Atoms contain **protons (+)**, **neutrons**, and **electrons (-)**

**Atomic number** = number of protons (determines the element the atom belongs to)

**Mass number** = number of protons + number of neutrons

Atoms of a given element can have different mass numbers if they have differing numbers of **neutrons** (these are called **isotopes**)



**Atomic mass** of an element is the average mass of an atom of that element, or the average of the mass numbers of its naturally occurring isotopes with respect to their relative abundance

**Electrons** are of negligible mass compared to protons and neutrons, which have roughly equivalent mass

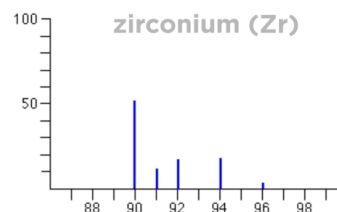
Atoms can have formal electric charge, in which case they are called **ions**

- atoms with equal numbers of electrons and protons are of **neutral charge**
- atoms with more electrons than protons have a **negative charge** (anion)
- atoms with fewer electrons than protons have a **positive charge** (cation)

Isotopic masses and abundances can be determined by **mass spectrometry**

- sample is vaporized and ionized and sent through a tube with a magnetic field
- particles separate based on mass to charge ratio (m/z)

**Mass numbers** on the horizontal axis, **relative abundance** (%) on the vertical axis



We can represent atoms with nuclide symbols:

- left subscript is **atomic number** (# of protons)
- left superscript is **mass number** (# of protons + # of neutrons)
- right superscript is **electric charge** (# of protons - # of electrons)



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### Avogadro's Number and the Mole

When we want to discuss macroscopic quantities of matter we need to use **moles**

- 1 mole = Avogadro's number =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$
- converts between atomic mass units and grams
  - 1 carbon atom = 12 amu, so 1 mole of carbon atoms = 12 grams

Elements have a **molar mass** equal to their atomic mass, just in g/mol instead of amu

Compounds have a **molar mass** equal to the sum of the atomic masses of all the atoms present within the compound

- example: glycine ( $C_2H_5O_2N$ )

$$C: (2)(12) = 24$$

$$H: (5)(1) = 5$$

$$O: (2)(16) = 32$$

$$N: (1)(14) = 14$$

$24 + 5 + 32 + 14 = 75$  so glycine has a molar mass of 75 g/mol

**To convert moles into mass: multiply by the molar mass**

**To convert mass into moles: divide by the molar mass**

Percent composition: percent of molecular mass represented by each element

**NH<sub>3</sub>**: N =  $14/17 = 0.82 = 82\%$ , H =  $3/17 = 0.18 = 18\%$

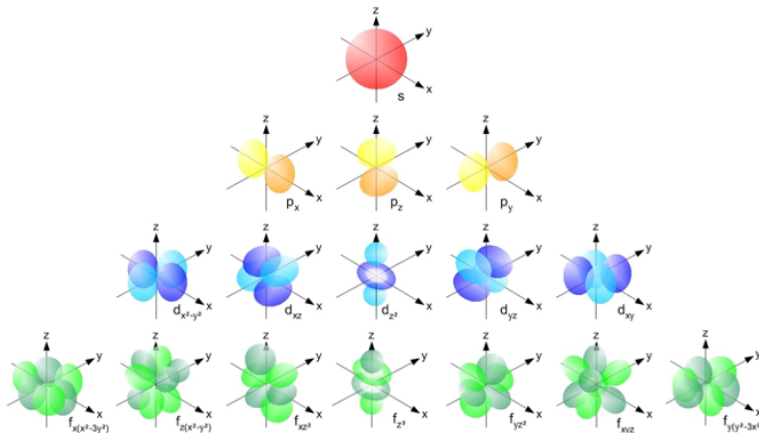
**Empirical formula**: lowest whole number ratio of elements in a compound. Find via elemental analysis:

- 1) combust unknown sample and collect masses of C and H
- 2) convert masses into moles
- 3) divide both molar values by the smaller to get a ratio
- 4) express empirical formula with that ratio (e.g. 1:2 = CH<sub>2</sub>)

**Molecular formula**: actual number of atoms of each element in a compound. Take empirical formula and find how many multiples are required to reach the molecular mass determined by mass spectrometry, multiply through subscripts

(CH<sub>2</sub> = 14, MM = 42,  $42/14 = 3$ , so MF = C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)

### Atomic Orbitals and Electron Configuration



Electrons inhabit **atomic orbitals** which can be described by **quantum numbers**

- 1)  $n$  = principal quantum number (energy level)
- 2)  $\ell$  = angular momentum quantum number (type of orbital)
  - $\ell = 0 \rightarrow$  s orbital (1 per energy level)
  - $\ell = 1 \rightarrow$  p orbitals (3 per energy level)
  - $\ell = 2 \rightarrow$  d orbitals (5 per energy level)
- 3)  $m_\ell$  = magnetic quantum number (individual orbital within subshell)
- 4)  $m_s$  = spin quantum number (+1/2 or -1/2)

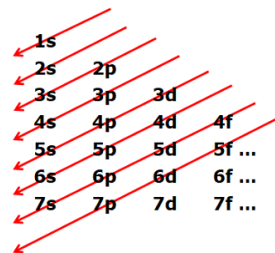


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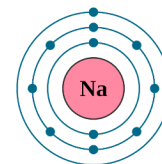
1. **Aufbau principle** – tells us the order in which orbitals are filled
2. **Hund's rule** – says that subshells are half-filled before doubling any orbital
3. **Pauli exclusion principle** – no two electrons within an atom can have precisely the same of quantum numbers



**Electron configurations** tell us which orbitals are inhabited by the electrons in an atom:

e.g.  $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^1$  → two electrons in the 1s orbital (full)  
 two electrons in the 2s orbital (full)  
 six electrons in the 2p orbitals (full)  
 one electron in the 3s orbital (half-full)

- the diagram shows the ground state electron configuration of **sodium** (Na)



### The Periodic Table and its Trends

Rows of the periodic table are called **periods**. Columns of the periodic table are called **groups**.

- elements in the same group have similar electron configurations
- they have the same number of **valence electrons** (outermost shell)

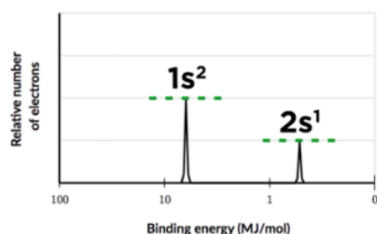
The periodic table displays important **periodic trends**:

- 1) **covalent radius**: increases down and to the left
  - essentially describes the size of an atom
  - going down we add shells (gets bigger with each shell)
  - going right we add protons (more attraction causes contraction)
  - cations are always smaller than neutral atom, anions always larger
- 2) **ionization energy**: increases up and to the right
  - energy required to remove the outermost electron from ground state
  - opposite of radius because closer to nucleus = harder to ionize
  - each successive ionization energy gets larger
- 3) **electron affinity**: increases up and to the right
  - refers to the energy associated with neutral atom gaining an electron
  - harder to ionize means more likely to gain an electron
  - could involve absorbing or releasing energy
  - noble gases are omitted from the trend as they have a full valence shell
- 4) **electronegativity**: increases up and to the right
  - a measure of how tightly an atom holds electron density
  - smaller atoms have electrons closer to the nucleus and attract better
  - some noble gases are omitted from the trend as they do not form bonds

**Photoelectron spectroscopy** reveals the electron configuration of an atom

- horizontal axis displays binding energy (related to ionization energy)
- vertical axis displays number of electrons
- Aufbau principle revealed left to right (farther electrons easy to ionize)

**lithium**  
 $1s^2 2s^1$



**oxygen**  
 $1s^2 2s^2 2p^4$

