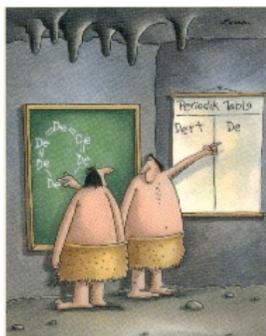


## Atoms, Molecules and Ions

Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 (3.1, 3.2)  
"Chapter 2 Part 2"

Chemistry 221  
Professor Michael Russell



Early chemists describe  
the first dirt molecule

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## Poor Auntie Jane!

Auntie Jane fed Baby Nell  
What she thought was **calomel**  
What the baby really ate  
was **Corrosive Sublimate**  
Not much difference,  
I confess,  
Just **one chlorine more**  
and **one baby less!**

calomel = HgCl (for dysentery)  
Corrosive Sublimate = HgCl<sub>2</sub>



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## Molecules, Ions and Compounds



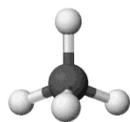
NaCl, salt



Buckyball, C<sub>60</sub>



Ozone, O<sub>3</sub>



Methane, CH<sub>4</sub>

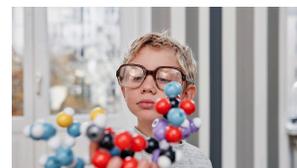
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## Compounds and Molecules

**COMPOUNDS** are a combination of 2  
or more elements in definite ratios  
by mass.

The character of each element is lost  
when forming a compound.

**MOLECULES** are the smallest unit of a  
compound that retains the  
characteristics of the compound.



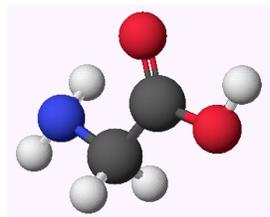
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## MOLECULAR FORMULA

Formula for **glycine** is **C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>**

In one molecule there are

- 2 C atoms
- 5 H atoms
- 1 N atom
- 2 O atoms



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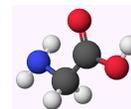
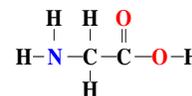
## Writing Formulas

Can also write glycine formula (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>) as



to show atom ordering

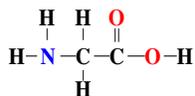
or in the form of a **structural formula**



structural formulas also called "condensed" formulas

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## Molecular Modeling



Drawing of glycine



Ball & stick



Space-filling

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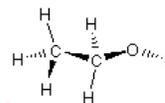
## 3D Perspectives: Ethanol



Ball and Stick



Space Filling



Perspective

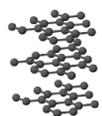
Ethanol = CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH

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## Comparison of Formula Types

Compound	Molecular	Empirical	Structural
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O	HOH
Hydrogen Peroxide	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	HO	HOOH
Ethylene	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> CCH <sub>2</sub>
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>3</sub> CCH <sub>3</sub>
Ethanol	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	H <sub>3</sub> CCH <sub>2</sub> OH
Dimethyl ether	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	H <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>

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graphite



diamond



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Buckyball (C<sub>60</sub>) or Buckminsterfullerene

## Allotropes of Elements

Most elements exist as individual atoms - **monatomic**

**Allotropes** are different versions of the same element

**Carbon** exists naturally as graphite, diamond and buckyballs.

Seven elements exist as **diatomics** (next slide)

Also carbon **graphene**

## The Seven Diatomic Elements

Have  
No  
Fear  
Of  
Ice  
Clear  
Brew

Most elements are **monatomic** - they exist as individual atoms - but there are these seven exceptions:



Nitrogen, N<sub>2</sub>

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Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) generated on a leaf



White P<sub>4</sub> and polymeric red phosphorus

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## OTHER ELEMENTS THAT EXIST AS POLYATOMIC ELEMENTS

S<sub>8</sub> sulfur molecules



Also Ozone, O<sub>3</sub>

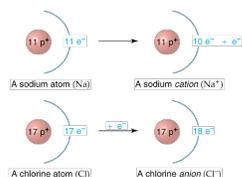
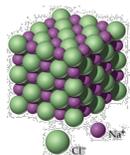


## IONS AND IONIC COMPOUNDS

**IONS** are atoms or groups of atoms with a positive or negative charge.

Taking away electron(s) creates a **CATION** with a positive charge

Adding electron(s) creates an **ANION** with a negative charge.



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## IONS AND IONIC COMPOUNDS

**CATIONS** have protons > electrons

**ANIONS** have electrons > protons

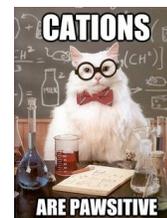
**Remember:**

**CATS** have **PAWS**

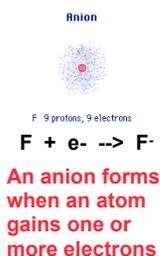
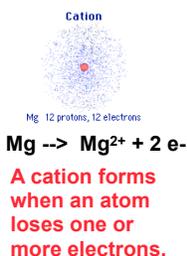
**CATIons** are **PAWSitive**



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## Formation of Cations and Anions



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## Charges on Metals

**Fixed charge metals include:**

\*Groups IA, IIA & "stairs" (next slide)

\*charge = group number (mostly)

**Na<sup>+</sup>** sodium ion  
**Mg<sup>2+</sup>** magnesium ion  
**Al<sup>3+</sup>** aluminum ion  
**Ag<sup>+</sup>** silver ion

			Al <sup>3+</sup> 13
	Zn <sup>2+</sup> 30		Ga <sup>3+</sup> 31
Ag <sup>1+</sup> 47	Cd <sup>2+</sup> 48	In <sup>3+</sup> 49	

the stairs

All other metals ("variable charge" metals) --> use **Roman number** to represent charge on metal

**Fe<sup>2+</sup>** iron(II) ion  
**Fe<sup>3+</sup>** iron(III) ion  
**V<sup>3+</sup>** vanadium(III) ion

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**No ferrous or ferric nomenclature!**

## The Fixed Charge "Stairs" Metals

- Start with Al (which is +3)
- Go backwards down the "stairs"
- Decrease charge after each "stair"

		Al <sup>3+</sup> 13
	Zn <sup>2+</sup> 30	Ga <sup>3+</sup> 31
Ag <sup>1+</sup> 47	Cd <sup>2+</sup> 48	In <sup>3+</sup> 49

These, and Groups IA and IIA, are the "fixed charge metals", and we always know their ionic charge

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## NONMETALS

**NONMETAL + n e<sup>-</sup> -----> X<sup>n-</sup>**  
 where charge = Group no. - 8  
 webelements.com: group no. - 18



Group 4A	Group 5A	Group 6A	Group 7A
C <sup>4-</sup> , carbide	N <sup>3-</sup> , nitride	O <sup>2-</sup> , oxide	F <sup>-</sup> , fluoride
		S <sup>2-</sup> , sulfide	Cl <sup>-</sup> , chloride
			Br <sup>-</sup> , bromide
			I <sup>-</sup> , iodide

**Name derived by adding -ide to stem**

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**A "Quick and Dirty" Guide to Ionic Charges**

**Groups IA, IIA or "the stairs": fixed charge metals**  
**Charge = positive**  
**Magnitude = group # mostly!**

**Groups VA, VIA or VIIA: fixed charge nonmetals**  
**Charge = negative**  
**Charge = group # - 8**

**All Other Metals: Difficult to predict, use Roman number to represent positive charge, these are the "Variable Charge metals"**

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**POLYATOMIC IONS**

Groups of atoms with a charge.  
**MEMORIZE** the names and formulas in your text and the "Nomenclature" lab.



Charge	Formula	Name	Formula	Name
1-	H <sup>-</sup>	Hydride ion	CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> (or C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> )	Acetate ion
	F <sup>-</sup>	Fluoride ion	ClO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Chlorate ion
	Cl <sup>-</sup>	Chloride ion	ClO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Perchlorate ion
	Br <sup>-</sup>	Bromide ion	NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Nitrate ion
	I <sup>-</sup>	Iodide ion	MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Permanganate ion
	CN <sup>-</sup>	Cyanide ion	OH <sup>-</sup>	Hydroxide ion
2-	O <sup>2-</sup>	Oxide ion	CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Carbonate ion
	O <sub>2</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Peroxide ion	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Chromate ion
	S <sup>2-</sup>	Sulfide ion	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Dichromate ion
3-	N <sup>3-</sup>	Nitride ion	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	Sulfate ion
			PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	Phosphate ion

\* The most common ions are in boldface.

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**Formulas and Names of Some Common Polyatomic Ions**

Formula	Name	Formula	Name
<b>CATIONS: Positive Ion</b>			
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	ammonium ion		
<b>ANIONS: Negative Ions</b>			
<b>Based on a Group 4A element</b>		<b>Based on a Group 7A element</b>	
CN <sup>-</sup>	cyanide ion	ClO <sup>-</sup>	hypochlorite ion
CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	acetate ion	ClO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	chlorite ion
CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	carbonate ion	ClO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	chlorate ion
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	hydrogen carbonate ion (or bicarbonate ion)	ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	perchlorate ion
<b>Based on a Group 5A element</b>		<b>Based on a transition metal</b>	
NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	nitrite ion	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	chromate ion
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	nitrate ion	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	dichromate ion
PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	phosphate ion	MnO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	permanganate ion
HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	hydrogen phosphate ion		
H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	dihydrogen phosphate ion		
<b>Based on a Group 6A element</b>		<b>Note: many O containing anions have names ending in -ate (or -ite).</b>	
OH <sup>-</sup>	hydroxide ion		
SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	sulfite ion		
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	sulfate ion		
HSO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	hydrogen sulfate ion (or bisulfate ion)		

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**Introducing: Nick the Camel!**

Nick the Camel Brat ate Icky Clam for Supper in Phoenix



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**Nick the Camel**

Nick the Camel Brat ate Icky Clam for Supper in Phoenix



	Consonants	=	Vowels	=	Polyatomic Ion
	Oxygen		Charge		
Nick = Nitrate	3		-1		NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
Camel = Carbonate	3		-2		CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
Brat = Bromate	3		-1		BrO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
Icky = Iodate	3		-1		IO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
Clam = Chlorate	3		-1		ClO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
Supper = Sulfate	4		-2		SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>
Phoenix = Phosphate	4		-3		PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>

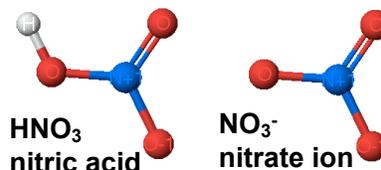
Did Nick have Crepes for dessert too? :)

Crepes = chromate 4 -2 CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>

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**Some Common Polyatomic Ions**



Many polyatomic ions related by a hydrogen ion (H<sup>+</sup>) to an acid

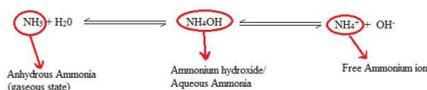
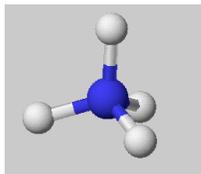
Potassium nitrate somewhat common!

### Some Common Polyatomic Ions

$\text{NH}_4^+$  is the ammonium ion

One of the few common polyatomic cations

ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) plus acid ( $\text{H}^+$ ) gives the ammonium cation:

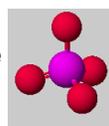


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### Some Common Polyatomic Ions

$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  phosphate



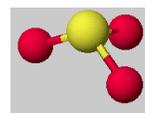
$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  sulfate



$\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2^-$  acetate

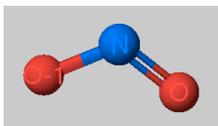
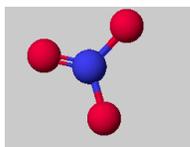


$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$  sulfite



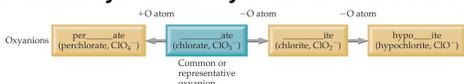
### Some Common Polyatomic Ions

$\text{NO}_3^-$  nitrate



$\text{NO}_2^-$  nitrite

Common System in Polyatomic Nomenclature:



See: "Common Polyatomic Ions and the Corresponding Acids" handout

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### COMPOUNDS FORMED FROM IONS (ionic bonding)

CATION + ANION → COMPOUND



A neutral compound requires equal number of positive and negative charges.



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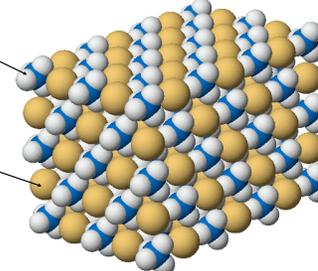
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### IONIC COMPOUNDS

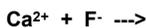
ammonium chloride,  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$

$\text{NH}_4^+$

$\text{Cl}^-$



## Some Ionic Compounds



Name = calcium fluoride

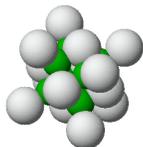


Name = magnesium nitrate



Name = iron(II) phosphate

also:  $\text{FePO}_4$  Name = iron(III) phosphate, etc.



calcium fluoride

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## Properties of Ionic Compounds

Forming NaCl from Na and Cl<sub>2</sub>



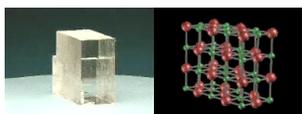
A metal atom can transfer an electron to a nonmetal.

The resulting cation and anion are attracted to each other by **electrostatic forces**.



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## Electrostatic Forces



The oppositely charged ions in ionic compounds are attracted to one another by **ELECTROSTATIC FORCES**.

These forces are governed by **COULOMB'S LAW**.

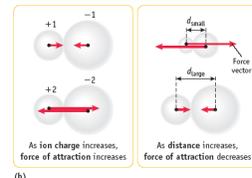
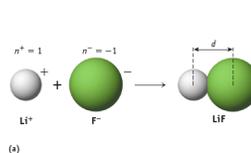
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## Electrostatic Forces

charge on + and - ions      charge on electron

$$\text{COULOMB'S LAW} \quad \text{Force} = -k \frac{(n^+e)(n^-e)}{d^2}$$

proportionality constant      distance between ions



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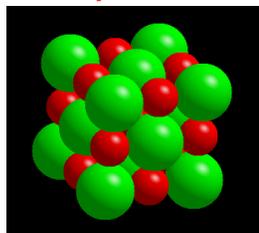
As ion charge increases, the attractive force \_\_\_\_\_.

As the distance between ions increases, the attractive force \_\_\_\_\_.

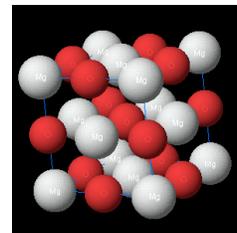
This idea is important and will come up many times in future discussions - see *handout*

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## Importance of Coulomb's Law



NaCl, Na<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup>,  
m.p. 804 °C



MgO, Mg<sup>2+</sup> and O<sup>2-</sup>,  
m.p. 2800 °C

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## Molecular (Covalent) Compounds

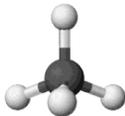
Compounds without Ions



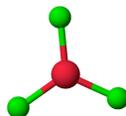
NO<sub>2</sub> nitrogen dioxide



CO<sub>2</sub> carbon dioxide



CH<sub>4</sub> methane



BCl<sub>3</sub> boron trichloride

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## Naming Molecular (Covalent) Compounds

Compounds

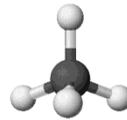


NO<sub>2</sub> nitrogen dioxide



CO<sub>2</sub> Carbon dioxide

Covalent compounds formed from **two or more nonmetals**; use **Greek prefixes**



CH<sub>4</sub> methane



BCl<sub>3</sub> boron trichloride

Ionic compounds generally involve a **metal** and **nonmetal** (NaCl) - **do not use Greek prefixes with metals!**

## Greek Prefixes

1	<i>mono</i>	6	<i>hexa</i>
2	<i>di</i>	7	<i>hepta</i>
3	<i>tri</i>	8	<i>octa</i>
4	<i>tetra</i>	9	<i>nona</i>
5	<i>penta</i>	10	<i>deca</i>



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## Three Types of Compound Naming

**Fixed charge metal + nonmetal (ionic)** No Greek prefixes or Roman numbers  
**Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - aluminum oxide**

**Variable charge metal + nonmetal (ionic)** Use Roman numbers  
**Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - iron(III) oxide**  
 Watch variable charge: FeO = iron(II) oxide, etc.

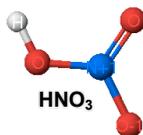
**Nonmetal + nonmetal (covalent)** Use Greek prefixes  
**P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - diphosphorus trioxide**  
 Also P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, = diphosphorus pentoxide, etc.

## ACIDS

Acids create **hydrogen ions** in water, acidic H<sup>+</sup> listed **first** in compound

Some acids include:

HCl	hydrochloric
HNO <sub>3</sub>	nitric
HClO <sub>4</sub>	perchloric
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	sulfuric
HBrO	hypobromous



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more in Chapter Four and Nomenclature Lab

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## BASES

Bases are **metal hydroxides**, creating **OH<sup>-</sup>** in water

Some bases include:

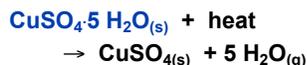
NaOH	sodium hydroxide
KOH	potassium hydroxide
LiOH	lithium hydroxide
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub>	calcium hydroxide
Fe(OH) <sub>3</sub>	iron(III) hydroxide

more in Chapter Four and Nomenclature Lab

## Hydrated Compounds

When prepared in water and isolated as solids, many ionic compounds have water molecules trapped in the lattice.

"Waters of hydration" result in *beautiful* colors



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## Hydrated Compounds

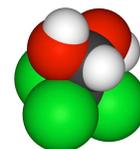
**Nomenclature:** use Greek prefix + "hydrate" after regular name

$\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  = copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate

$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  = magnesium sulfate heptahydrate

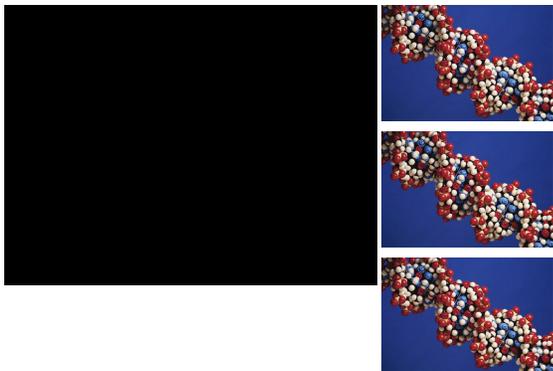
$\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  = nickel(II) chloride hexahydrate

$\text{CuSO}_4$  *without water* called "anhydrous" copper(II) sulfate



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## ATOMS OVERWHELMING YOU?

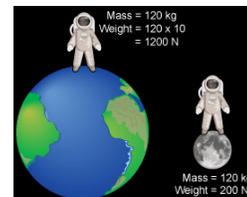


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## MOLECULAR WEIGHT AND MOLAR MASS

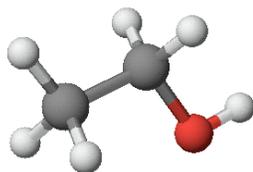
**Molecular weight** is the sum of the atomic weights of all atoms in the molecule.

**Molar mass** = molecular weight in grams



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What is the molar mass of ethanol,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}$ ?



**1 mol contains**

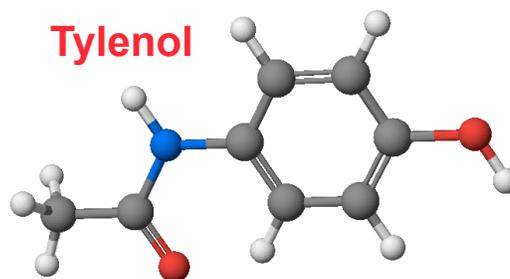
$$2 \text{ mol C (12.01 g C/1 mol)} = 24.02 \text{ g C}$$

$$6 \text{ mol H (1.01 g H/1 mol)} = 6.06 \text{ g H}$$

$$1 \text{ mol O (16.00 g O/1 mol)} = 16.00 \text{ g O}$$

$$\text{TOTAL} = \text{molar mass} = 46.08 \text{ g/mol}$$

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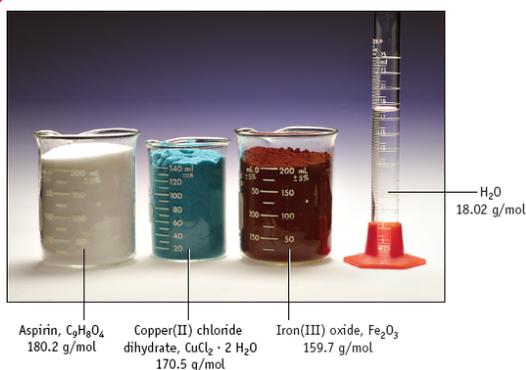
Formula =  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2$

Molar mass = 151.16 g/mol

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Try to use at least four sig figs for molar mass

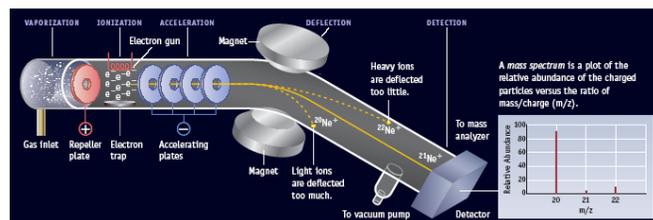
## Molar Mass



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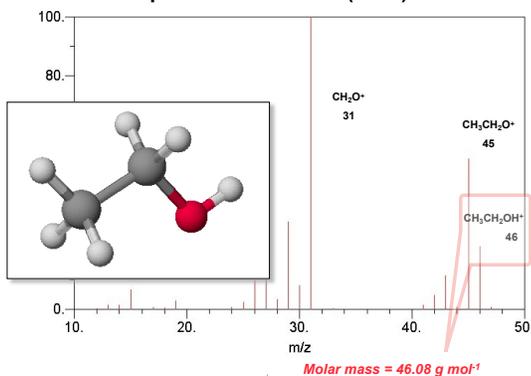
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## How to Determine a Formula?



## Mass spectrometer

### Mass Spectrum of Ethanol (NIST)



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How many **moles** of alcohol (ethanol) are present in a "standard" can of beer if there are 21.3 g of  $C_2H_6O$ ?

- (a) Molar mass of  $C_2H_6O$  = 46.08 g/mol  
 (b) Calc. moles of alcohol

$$21.3 \text{ g} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{46.08 \text{ g}} = 0.462 \text{ mol}$$

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How many **molecules** of alcohol (ethanol) are present in a "standard" can of beer if there are 21.3 g of  $C_2H_6O$ ?

We know there are 0.462 mol of  $C_2H_6O$ .

$$0.462 \text{ mol} \cdot \frac{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules}}{1 \text{ mol}}$$

= 2.78 x 10<sup>23</sup> molecules

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How many **atoms of C** are present in a "standard" can of beer if there are 21.3 g of  $C_2H_6O$ ?

We know there are 2.78 x 10<sup>23</sup> molecules.  
 Each molecule contains 2 C atoms.  
 Therefore, the number of C atoms is

$$2.78 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecules} \cdot \frac{2 \text{ C atoms}}{1 \text{ molecule}}$$

= 5.56 x 10<sup>23</sup> C atoms

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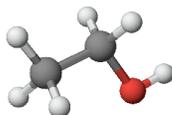
2.78 \* 10<sup>23</sup> \* 2 = 5.56 x 10<sup>23</sup> atoms in the 21.3 g of ethanol!

## Empirical and Molecular Formulas

A pure compound always consists of the same elements combined in the same proportions by weight.

Therefore, we can express molecular composition as **PERCENT BY WEIGHT**

Ethanol, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O  
52.13% C, 13.15% H,  
34.72% O

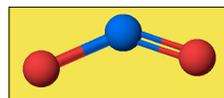


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## Percent Composition

Consider the nitrogen-oxygen family of compounds:

**NO<sub>2</sub>**, nitrogen dioxide, and **NO**, nitrogen monoxide (or *nitric oxide*)



Structure of NO<sub>2</sub>



Chemistry of NO, nitrogen monoxide

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## Percent Composition

Consider **NO<sub>2</sub>**, Molar mass = ?

What is the weight percent of N and of O?

To find the **weight percent** of an element in a compound:

$$\text{Wt. \% X} = \frac{\text{g of X in compound}}{\text{molar mass of compound}} \cdot 100\%$$

In water (H<sub>2</sub>O):

$$\text{Wt. \% O} = \frac{16.00 \text{ g O}}{18.02 \text{ g H}_2\text{O}} \cdot 100\% = 88.79 \%$$

$$\%H = 100 - 88.79 = 11.21\%$$

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## Percent Composition

Consider **NO<sub>2</sub>**, Molar mass = ?

What is the weight percent of N and of O?

$$\text{Wt. \% N} = \frac{14.01 \text{ g N}}{46.01 \text{ g NO}_2} \cdot 100\% = 30.45 \%$$

$$\text{Wt. \% O} = \frac{2(16.00 \text{ g O})}{46.01 \text{ g NO}_2} \cdot 100\% = 69.55 \%$$

**Test yourself:** What are the weight percentages of N and O in **N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>**?

## Determining Formulas

In **chemical analysis** we first determine the % by weight of each element in a given amount of pure compound and derive the **EMPIRICAL** or **SIMPLEST** formula.

**Weight percentages lead to empirical formulas (but not molecular formulas!)**

**PROBLEM:** A compound of B and H is 81.10% B. What is its empirical formula?



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A compound of B and H is 81.10% B. What is its empirical formula?

Calculate the number of **moles** of each element in 100.0 g of sample.

$$81.10 \text{ g B} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{10.81 \text{ g}} = 7.502 \text{ mol B}$$

$$18.90 \text{ g H} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{1.008 \text{ g}} = 18.75 \text{ mol H}$$



A compound of B and H is 81.10% B. What is its empirical formula?

Take the ratio of moles of B and H. **Always divide by the smaller number.**

$$\frac{18.75 \text{ mol H}}{7.502 \text{ mol B}} = \frac{2.499 \text{ mol H}}{1.000 \text{ mol B}} = \frac{2.5 \text{ mol H}}{1.0 \text{ mol B}}$$

But we need a whole number ratio.

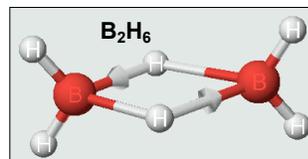
$$2.5 \text{ mol H}/1.0 \text{ mol B} = 5 \text{ mol H to 2 mol B}$$

**EMPIRICAL FORMULA = B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>**

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The compound has an **empirical formula** of B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>. What is its **molecular formula**?

Is the molecular formula B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, B<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>, B<sub>6</sub>H<sub>15</sub>, B<sub>8</sub>H<sub>20</sub>, etc.?



B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> is one example of this class of compounds.

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The compound has an empirical formula (EF) of B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>. What is its molecular formula?

To solve, need the **molar mass of the compound** using a **mass spectrometer** (a separate experiment)

Next, determine **molar mass of the empirical formula**

Compare **molar mass of the compound** to the **molar mass of the empirical formula** to get a **whole number ratio** of empirical formula units in the molecular formula

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The compound has an empirical formula (EF) of B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>. What is its molecular formula?

Example:

A compound has an empirical formula of CH<sub>2</sub> and a molar mass of **28.1 g mol<sup>-1</sup>**. Find the **molecular formula**.

Molar mass compound (28.1 g mol<sup>-1</sup>) given via outside experiment.

Molar mass empirical formula (CH<sub>2</sub>) =

$$12.01 + 2 \times 1.01 = 14.03 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$$

Now compare molar mass compound to molar mass of empirical formula:

$$\frac{28.1 \text{ g/mol}}{14.03 \text{ g/mol of CH}_2} = \frac{2 \text{ units of CH}_2}{1 \text{ mol}}$$

**Molecular formula = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> = C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>**

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The compound has an empirical formula (EF) of B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>. What is its molecular formula?

In the boron problem,

Molar mass of compound (from mass spectrometer, a separate experiment) = **53.3 g/mol**

Molar mass of empirical formula (B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) = **26.67 g/mol**

$$(2 \times 10.81 + 5 \times 1.01 = 26.67 \text{ g/mol of EF})$$

Now find ratio of these masses.

$$\frac{53.3 \text{ g/mol}}{26.67 \text{ g/mol of B}_2\text{H}_5} = \frac{2 \text{ units of B}_2\text{H}_5}{1 \text{ mol}}$$

**Molecular formula = (B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> = B<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>**

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**Determining a Molecular Formula: Overview**

First, **convert** percent by mass element values into moles (assume 100 g), then **compare the moles** to get the empirical formula (EF)

$$\frac{18.75 \text{ mol H}}{7.502 \text{ mol B}} = \frac{2.499 \text{ mol H}}{1.000 \text{ mol B}} = \frac{2.5 \text{ mol H}}{1.0 \text{ mol B}}$$

$$2.5 \text{ mol H}/1.0 \text{ mol B} = 5 \text{ H to 2 B} = \text{B}_2\text{H}_5$$

Next, find the molar mass (MM) of the compound, then compare MM of compound to MM of EF

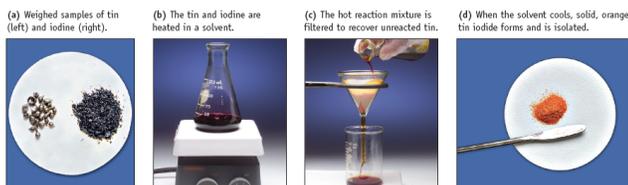
$$\frac{53.3 \text{ g/mol}}{26.67 \text{ g/mol of B}_2\text{H}_5} = \frac{2 \text{ units of B}_2\text{H}_5}{1 \text{ mol}}$$

**Molecular formula = (B<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> = B<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>**

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## Determine the formula of a compound of Sn and I using the following data.

## Tin and Iodine Compound



Mass of Sn in the beginning = 1.056 g  
 Mass of iodine (I<sub>2</sub>) used = 1.947 g  
 Mass of Sn remaining = 0.601 g

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Find the mass of Sn that combined with 1.947 g I<sub>2</sub>.

Mass of Sn initially = 1.056 g

Mass of Sn recovered = 0.601 g

Mass of Sn used = 0.455 g

Find moles of Sn used:

$$0.455 \text{ g Sn} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{118.7 \text{ g}} = 3.83 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol Sn}$$

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## Tin and Iodine Compound

Now find the number of moles of I<sub>2</sub> that combined with 3.83 x 10<sup>-3</sup> mol Sn

Mass of I<sub>2</sub> used = 1.947 g

$$1.947 \text{ g I}_2 \cdot \frac{1 \text{ mol}}{253.81 \text{ g}} = 7.671 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol I}_2$$

But we need mol of I for formula, not I<sub>2</sub>, so convert:

$$7.671 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol I}_2 \cdot \frac{2 \text{ mol I}}{1 \text{ mol I}_2} = 1.534 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol I}$$

So 1.534 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mol of iodine atoms were used in this reaction

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## Tin and Iodine Compound

Now find the ratio of number of moles of moles of I and Sn that combined.

$$\frac{1.534 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mol I}}{3.83 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol Sn}} = \frac{4.01 \text{ mol I}}{1.00 \text{ mol Sn}}$$

Empirical formula is **SnI<sub>4</sub>**  
*tin(IV) iodide*

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## End of Chapter 2 Part 2



See also:

- Chapter Two Part 2 Study Guide
- Chapter Two Part 2 Concept Guide
- Important Equations (following this slide)
- End of Chapter Problems (following this slide)

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## Important Equations, Constants, and Handouts from this Chapter:

- be able to find the molar mass of any compound using the periodic table
- be able to convert grams of a compound into moles and/or molecules
- understand how to calculate empirical formula (EF) and molecular formula (MF) using the molar mass and mass percentages

A mole = 6.022 x 10<sup>23</sup>

**Nomenclature:** Greek prefixes, Roman numbers, nonmetal + nonmetal, fixed charge metal + nonmetal, variable charge metal + nonmetal, polyatomic ions, acids, bases, hydrated compounds, the 7 diatomics, cations, anions, covalent, ionic, the "stairs", Coulomb's Law

## End of Chapter Problems: Test Yourself

See practice problem set #3 and self quizzes for  
**nomenclature examples and practice**

- Determine the molar mass for aluminum chloride, iron(III) oxide and phosphorus tribromide.
- How many grams in 0.0255 mol of propanol ( $C_3H_7OH$ )? How many molecules? How many atoms of C?
- Calculate the weight percent of lead in  $PbS$ , lead(II) sulfide. What mass of lead (in grams) is present in 10.0 g of  $PbS$ ?
- Succinic acid has an empirical formula is  $C_2H_3O_2$  and a molar mass is 118.1 g/mol. What is its molecular formula?
- A new compound containing xenon and fluorine was isolated by shining sunlight on a mixture of Xe (0.526 g) and  $F_2$  gas. If you isolate 0.678 g of the new compound, what is its empirical formula?
- Direct reaction of iodine ( $I_2$ ) and chlorine ( $Cl_2$ ) produces an iodine chloride,  $I_xCl_y$ , a bright yellow solid. If you completely used up 0.678 g of iodine and produced 1.246 g of  $I_xCl_y$ , what is the **empirical formula** of the compound? A later experiment showed that the molar mass of  $I_xCl_y$  was 467 g/mol. What is the **molecular formula** of the compound?

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## End of Chapter Problems: Answers

- 133 g/mol, 160. g/mol, 271 g/mol
- 1.53 g  $C_3H_7OH$ ,  $1.54 \times 10^{22}$  molecules,  $4.62 \times 10^{22}$  atoms C
- 86.59%, 8.66 g Pb
- $C_4H_6O_4$
- $XeF_2$
- $ICl_3$ ,  $I_2Cl_6$

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