# Introductory CHEMISTRY An Atoms First Approach

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Fundamental Constants							
Avogadro's number $(N_A)$	$6.0221413 \times 10^{23}$						
Electron charge $(e)$	$1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \mathrm{C}$						
Electron mass	$9.109387 \times 10^{-28} \text{ g}$						
Faraday constant $(F)$	96,485.3 C/mol e <sup>-</sup>						
Gas constant ( <i>R</i> )	$0.08206 \text{ L} \cdot \text{atm/K} \cdot \text{mol}$						
	8.314 J/K · mol						
	$62.36 L \cdot torr/K \cdot mol$						
	1.987 cal/K · mol						
Planck's constant $(h)$	$6.6256 \times 10^{-34} \mathrm{J} \cdot \mathrm{s}$						
Proton mass	$1.672623 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$						
Neutron mass	$1.674928 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}$						
Speed of light in a vacuum (c)	$2.99792458 \times 10^8$ m/s						

Some Prefixes Used with SI Units							
tera (T)	10 <sup>12</sup>	centi (c)	10 <sup>-2</sup>				
giga (G)	10 <sup>9</sup>	milli (m)	$10^{-3}$				
mega (M)	$10^{6}$	micro ( $\mu$ )	$10^{-6}$				
kilo (k)	$10^{3}$	nano (n)	10 <sup>-9</sup>				
deci (d)	$10^{-1}$	pico (p)	$10^{-12}$				

Useful Conversion Factors and Relationships							
1 lb = 453.6 g							
1  in = 2.54  cm (exactly)							
1  mi = 1.609  km							
1 km = 0.6215 mi							
$1 \text{ pm} = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m} = 1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$							
1 atm = 760 mmHg = 760 torr = 101,325 N/m <sup>2</sup> = 101,325 Pa							
1  cal = 4.184  J (exactly)							
$1 L \cdot atm = 101.325 J$							
$1 J = 1 C \times 1 V$							
$?^{\circ}C = (^{\circ}F - 32^{\circ}F) \times \frac{5^{\circ}C}{9^{\circ}F}$							
$?^{\circ}F = \frac{9^{\circ}F}{5^{\circ}C} \times (^{\circ}C) + 32^{\circ}F$							
$?\mathbf{K} = (^{\circ}\mathbf{C} + 273.15^{\circ}\mathbf{C}) \left(\frac{1\mathbf{K}}{1^{\circ}\mathbf{C}}\right)$							

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List of the Elements with Their Symbols and Atomic Masses*							
Element	Symbol	Atomic Number	Atomic Mass <sup>+</sup>	Element	Symbol	Atomic Number	Atomic Mass <sup>+</sup>
Actinium	Ac	89	(227)	Mendelevium	Md	101	(258)
Aluminum	Al	13	26.9815386	Mercury	Hg	80	200.59
Americium	Am	95	(243)	Molybdenum	Mo	42	95.94
Antimony	Sb	51	121.760	Moscovium	Mc	115	(289)
Argon	Ar	18	39.948	Neodymium	Nd	60	144.242
Arsenic	As	33	74.92160	Neon	Ne	10	20.1797
Astatine	At	85	(210)	Neptunium	Np	93	(237)
Barium	Ba	56	137.327	Nickel	Ni	28	58.6934
Berkelium	Bk	97	(247)	Niobium	Nb	41	92.90638
Beryllium	Be	4	9.012182	Nihonium	Nh	113	(285)
Bismuth	Bi	83	208.98040	Nitrogen	Ν	7	14.0067
Bohrium	Bh	107	(272)	Nobelium	No	102	(259)
Boron	В	5	10.811	Oganesson	Og	118	(294)
Bromine	Br	35	79.904	Osmium	Os	76	190.23
Cadmium	Cd	48	112.411	Oxygen	0	8	15.9994
Calcium	Ca	20	40.078	Palladium	Pd	46	106.42
Californium	Cf	98	(251)	Phosphorus	Р	15	30.973762
Carbon	С	6	12.0107	Platinum	Pt	78	195.084
Cerium	Ce	58	140.116	Plutonium	Pu	94	(244)
Cesium	Cs	55	132.9054519	Polonium	Ро	84	(209)
Chlorine	Cl	17	35.453	Potassium	K	19	39.0983
Chromium	Cr	24	51,9961	Praseodymium	Pr	59	140.90765
Cobalt	Co	27	58,933195	Promethium	Pm	61	(145)
Copernicium	Cn	112	(285)	Protactinium	Pa	91	231.03588
Copper	Cu	29	63,546	Radium	Ra	88	(226)
Curium	Cm	96	(247)	Radon	Rn	86	(222)
Darmstadtium	Ds	110	(281)	Rhenium	Re	75	186 207
Dubnium	Dh	105	(268)	Rhodium	Rh	45	102.90550
Dysprosium	Dv	66	162,500	Roentgenium	Rø	111	(280)
Finsteinium	Fs	99	(252)	Rubidium	Rh	37	85 4678
Frbium	Fr	68	167 259	Ruthenium	Ru	44	101.07
Europium	Fu	63	151 964	Rutherfordium	Rf	104	(267)
Fermium	Eu	100	(257)	Samarium	Sm	62	150.36
Flerovium	Fl	114	(287)	Scandium	Sc	21	44 955912
Fluorine	F	0	18 9984032	Seaborgium	Sa	106	(271)
Francium	Fr	87	(223)	Selenium	Se	34	78.96
Gadolinium	Gd	64	157.25	Silicon	Si	14	28.0855
Gallium	Ga	31	60 723	Silver	Δα	14	107 8682
Germanium	Ga	31	72.64	Sodium	No	47	22 0807602
Cold	Au	32 70	106.066560	Strontium	Ina Sr	29	22.90970920
Uolu	Au Lif	79	178.40	Sulfur	51	50 16	07.02 22.065
Hamium		108	(270)	Tantalum	То	10	32.003
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Indium	IN T	49	114.818	Terolum The llieure		00	158.92555
Iodine	I I	33 77	120.90447	Thamum	11 Th	81	204.3833
Iriaium	Ir E	11	192.217	Thorium	In T	90	232.03800
Iron	Fe	20	33.843	Thullum	1 m	69 50	108.93421
Krypton	Kr	30	83.798	lin Ti	Sn TT:	50	118./10
Lanthanum	La	57	138.90547	Titanium	Ti	22	47.867
Lawrencium	Lr	103	(262)	Tungsten	W	74	183.84
Lead	Pb	82	207.2	Uranium	U	92	238.02891
Lithium	Lı	3	6.941	Vanadium	V	23	50.9415
Livermorium	Lv	116	(291)	Xenon	Xe	54	131.293
Lutetium	Lu	71	174.967	Ytterbium	Yb	70	173.04
Magnesium	Mg	12	24.3050	Yttrium	Y	39	88.90585
Manganese	Mn	25	54.938045	Zinc	Zn	30	65.409
Meitnerium	Mt	109	(276)	Zirconium	Zr	40	91.224

\*These atomic masses show as many significant figures as are known for each element. The atomic masses in the periodic table are shown to four significant figures, which is sufficient for solving the problems in this book.

†Approximate values of atomic masses for radioactive elements are given in parentheses.

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To the people who will always matter the most: Katie, Beau, and Sam. —Julia Burdge

To my family, the center of my universe and happiness, with special thanks to my husband for his support and making me the person I am today. —Michelle Driessen

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# Preface

*Introductory Chemistry: An Atoms First Approach* by Julia Burdge and Michelle Driessen has been developed and written using an atoms first approach *specific* to introductory chemistry. It is a carefully crafted text, designed and written with the introductory-chemistry student in mind.

The arrangement of topics facilitates the conceptual development of chemistry for the novice, rather than the historical development that has been used traditionally. Its language and style are student friendly and conversational; and the importance and wonder of chemistry in everyday life are emphasized at every opportunity. Continuing in the Burdge tradition, this text employs an outstanding art program, a consistent problem-solving approach, interesting applications woven throughout the chapters, and a wide range of end-of-chapter problems.

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- Logical atoms first approach, building first an understanding of atomic structure, followed by a logical progression of atomic properties, periodic trends, and how compounds arise as a consequence of atomic properties. Following that, physical and chemical properties of compounds and chemical reactions are covered—built upon a solid foundation of how all such properties and processes are the consequence of the nature and behavior of atoms.
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# Introductory Chemistry

# An Atoms First Approach

### CHAPTER

# Atoms and Elements



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The brilliant colors of a fireworks display result from the properties of the atoms they contain. These atoms give off specific colors when they are burned. rozbyshaka/iStock/Getty Images



#### In This Chapter, You Will Learn

Some of what *chemistry* is and how it is studied using the *scientific method*. You will learn about *atomic structure* and you will become acquainted with the *periodic table*, how it is organized, and some of the information it embodies.

#### Things To Review Before You Begin

Basic algebra

Have you ever wondered how an automobile airbag works? Or why iron rusts when exposed to water and air, but gold does not? Or why cookies "rise" as they bake? Or what causes the brilliant colors of fireworks displays? These phenomena, and countless others, can be explained by an understanding of the fundamental principles of *chemistry*. Whether or not we realize it, chemistry is important in every aspect of our lives. In the course of this book, you will come to understand the chemical principles responsible for many familiar observations and experiences.

### **1.1** The Study of Chemistry

*Chemistry* is the study of *matter* and the changes that matter undergoes. *Matter*, in turn, is anything that has mass and occupies space. *Mass* is one of the ways that scientists measure the *amount* of matter.

You may already be familiar with some of the terms used in chemistry—even if you have never taken a chemistry class. You have probably heard of *molecules*; and even if you don't know exactly what a *chemical formula* is, you undoubtedly know that "H<sub>2</sub>O" is water. You may have used or at least heard the term *chemical reaction*; and you are certainly familiar with many processes that *are* chemical reactions.

#### Why Learn Chemistry?

Chances are good that you are using this book for a chemistry class you are required to take—even though you may not be a chemistry major. Chemistry is a required part of many degree programs because of its importance in a wide variety of scientific disciplines. It sometimes is called the "central science" because knowledge of chemistry supports the understanding of other scientific fields—including physics, biology, geology, ecology, oceanography, climatology, and medicine. Whether this is the first in a series of chemistry classes you will take or the only chemistry class you will ever take, we hope that it will help you to appreciate the beauty of chemistry—and to understand its importance in our daily lives.

#### The Scientific Method

Scientific experiments are the key to advancing our understanding of chemistry or any science. Although different scientists may take different approaches to experimentation, we all follow a set of guidelines known as the *scientific method*. This helps ensure the quality and integrity of new findings that are added to the body of knowledge within a given field.

The scientific method starts with the collection of data from careful observations and/or experiments. Scientists study the data and try to identify patterns. When a pattern is found, an attempt is made to describe it with a scientific law. In this context, a law is simply a concise statement of the observed pattern. Scientists may then formulate a *hypothesis*, an attempt to explain their observations. Experiments are then designed to *test* the hypothesis. If the experiments reveal that the hypothesis is incorrect, the scientists must go back to the drawing board and come up with a different interpretation of their data, and formulate a *new* hypothesis. The new hypothesis will then be tested by experiment. When a hypothesis stands the test of extensive experimentation, it may evolve into a *scientific theory* or *model*. A *theory* or *model* is a unifying principle that explains a body of experimental observations and the law or laws that are based on them. Theories are used both to explain past observations and to *predict* future observations. When a theory fails to predict correctly, it must be discarded or modified to become consistent with experimental observations. Thus, by their very nature, scientific theories must be subject to change in the face of new data that do not support them.

One of the most compelling examples of the scientific method is the development of the vaccine for *smallpox*, a viral disease responsible for an estimated half a *billion* deaths during the twentieth century alone. Late in the eighteenth century, English physician Edward Jenner observed that even during smallpox outbreaks in Europe, a particular group of people, *milkmaids*, seemed not to contract it.

#### Law: Milkmaids are not vulnerable to the virus that causes smallpox.

Based on his observations, Jenner proposed that perhaps milkmaids, who often contracted *cowpox*, a similar but far less deadly virus, from the cows they worked with, had developed a natural immunity to smallpox.

### Hypothesis: Exposure to the cowpox virus causes the development of immunity to the smallpox virus.

Jenner tested his hypothesis by injecting a healthy child with the cowpox virus and later with the smallpox virus. If his hypothesis were correct, the child would not contract smallpox—and in fact the child did *not* contract smallpox.

### Theory: Because the child did not develop smallpox, immunity seemed to have resulted from exposure to cowpox.

Further experiments on many more people (mostly children and prisoners) confirmed that exposure to the cowpox virus imparted immunity to the smallpox virus.

The flowchart in Figure 1.1 illustrates the scientific method and how it guided the development of the smallpox vaccine.



### 1.2 Atoms First

Even if you have never studied chemistry before, you probably know already that atoms are the extraordinarily small building blocks that make up all matter. Specifically, an *atom* is the smallest quantity of matter that still retains the properties of matter. Further, an *element* is a substance that cannot be broken down into *simpler* substances by any means. Common examples of elements include aluminum, which we all have in our kitchens in the form of foil; carbon, which exists in several different familiar forms—including diamond and graphite (pencil "lead"); and helium, which can be used to fill balloons. The element aluminum consists entirely of *aluminum* atoms; the element carbon consists entirely of *carbon* atoms; and the element helium consists entirely of *helium* atoms. Although we can separate a sample of any element into smaller *samples* of that element, we cannot separate it into other substances.

Student Note: By contrast, consider a sample of salt water. We could divide it into smaller samples of salt water; but given the necessary equipment, we could also separate it into two different substances: water and salt. An element is different in that it is not made up of other substances. Elements are the *simplest* substances.



Figure 1.2 Repeatedly dividing this collection of flash drives into smaller and smaller collections eventually leaves us with a flash drive, which we cannot divide further without destroying it. Sergii Korolko/RealVector/Shutterstock

Let's consider the example of helium. If we were to divide the helium in a balloon in half, and then divide one of the halves in half, and so on, we would eventually (after a very large number of these hypothetical divisions) be left with a sample of helium consisting of

just one helium atom. This atom could not be further divided to give two smaller samples of helium. If this is difficult to imagine, think of a collection of eight identical flash drives. We could divide the collection in half three times before we were left with a single flash drive. Although we *could* divide the last flash drive in half, neither of the resulting pieces would be a flash drive (Figure 1.2).

The notion that matter consists of tiny, indivisible pieces has been around for a very long time, first having been proposed by the philosopher Democritus in the fifth century B.C. But it was first formalized early in the nineteenth century by John Dalton (Figure 1.3). Dalton devised a theory to explain some of the most important observations made by scientists in the eighteenth century. His theory included three statements, the first of which is:

• Matter is composed of tiny, indivisible particles called atoms; all atoms of a given element are identical; and atoms of one element are different from atoms of any other element.

We will revisit this statement later in this chapter and introduce the second and third statements to complete our understanding of Dalton's theory in Chapters 3 and 10.

We know now that atoms, although very small, are not indivisible. Rather, they are made up of still smaller *sub*atomic particles. The type, number, and arrangement of subatomic particles determine the properties of atoms, which in turn determine the properties of everything we see, touch, smell, and taste.

Our goal in this book will be to understand how the nature of atoms gives rise to the properties of everything material. To accomplish this, we will take a somewhat unconventional approach. Rather than beginning with observations on the macroscopic scale and working our way backward to the atomic level of matter to explain these observations, we start by examining the structure of atoms, and the nature and arrangement of the tiny subatomic particles that atoms contain.



**Figure 1.3** John Dalton (1766–1844) was an English chemist, mathematician, and philosopher. In addition to his atomic theory, Dalton formulated several laws governing the behavior of gases, and gave the first detailed description of a particular type of color blindness, from which he suffered. This form of color blindness, where red and green cannot be distinguished, is known as Daltonism.



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Before we begin our study of atoms, it is important for you to understand a bit about the behavior of electrically charged objects. We are all at least casually familiar with the concept of electric charge. You may have brushed your hair in very low humidity and had it stand on end; and you have certainly experienced static shocks and seen lightning. All of these phenomena result from the interactions of electric charges. The following list illustrates some of the important aspects of electric charge:

• An object that is electrically charged may have a positive (+) charge or a negative (-) charge.



• Objects with opposite charges (one negative and one positive) are attracted to each other. (You've heard the adage "opposites attract.")



• Objects with like charges (either both positive or both negative) repel each other.



· Objects with larger charges interact more strongly than those with smaller charges.



• Charged objects interact more strongly when they are closer together.



Opposite charges cancel each other.



Keeping in mind how charged objects interact will greatly facilitate your understanding of chemistry.

#### Subatomic Particles and the 1.3 Nuclear Model of the Atom

Experiments conducted late in the nineteenth century indicated that atoms, which had been considered the smallest possible pieces of matter, contained even *smaller* particles. The first of these experiments were done by J. J. Thomson, an English physicist. The experiments revealed that a wide variety of different materials could all be made to emit a stream of tiny, negatively charged particles-that we now know as *electrons*. Thomson reasoned that because all atoms appeared to contain these negative particles but were themselves electrically *neutral*, they must also contain something *positively*  charged. This gave rise to a model of the atom as a sphere of positive charge, throughout which negatively charged electrons were uniformly distributed (Figure 1.4). This model was known as the "plum-pudding" model—named after a then-popular English dessert. Thomson's plum-pudding model was an early attempt to describe the internal structure of atoms. Although it was generally accepted for a number of years, this model ultimately was proven wrong by subsequent experiments.

Working with Thomson, New Zealand physicist Ernest Rutherford (one of Thomson's own students) devised an experiment to test the plumpudding model of atomic structure. By that time, Rutherford had already established the existence of another subatomic particle known as an *alpha* 

( $\alpha$ ) *particle*, which is emitted by some *radioactive* substances. Alpha particles are positively charged, and are thousands of times more massive than electrons. In his most famous experiment, Rutherford directed a stream of alpha particles at a thin gold foil. A schematic of the experimental setup is shown in Figure 1.5. If Thomson's model of the atom were correct, nearly all of the alpha particles would pass directly through the foil—although a small number would be deflected slightly by virtue of passing very close to electrons. Remember that a positively charged object and a negatively charged object are attracted to each other. A positively charged alpha particle could be pulled slightly off course if it passed very close to one of the negatively charged electrons. Rutherford surrounded the gold foil target with a detector that produced a tiny flash of light each time an alpha particle collided with it. This allowed Rutherford to determine the paths taken by the alpha particles. Figure 1.6(a) illustrates the expected experimental result.

The actual experimental result, shown in Figure 1.6(b), was very different from what had been expected. Although most of the alpha particles did pass directly through the gold foil, some were deflected at much larger angles than had been anticipated. Some even bounced off the foil back toward the source—a result that Rutherford found absolutely shocking. He knew that alpha particles could only be deflected at such large angles, and occasionally bounce back in the direction of their source, if they encountered something within the gold atoms that was (1) positively charged, and (2) much more massive than themselves.

This experimental result gave rise to a new model of the internal structure of atoms. Rutherford proposed that atoms are mostly empty space, but that each has a tiny, dense core that contains *all* of its positive charge and *nearly* all of its mass. This core is called the atomic *nucleus*.



**Figure 1.5** Rutherford's experiment directed a stream of positively charged alpha particles at a gold foil. The nearly circular detector emitted a flash of light when struck by an alpha particle.



**Figure 1.4** Thomson's experiments indicated that atoms contained negatively charged particles, which he envisioned as uniformly distributed in a sphere of positive charge.



**Figure 1.6** (a) If Thomson's plum-pudding model had been correct, the alpha particles would have passed directly through the foil, with a few being deflected slightly by interaction with electrons. (b) The actual result of Rutherford's gold foil experiment. Most of the alpha particles passed through the gold foil undeflected, but a few were deflected at angles much greater than expected—some even bounced back toward the source. This indicated that as they passed through the gold atoms, they encountered something positively charged and significantly more massive than themselves.

**Student Note:** An alpha particle is the combination of *two* protons and *two* neutrons.

Subsequent experiments supported Rutherford's nuclear model of the atom; and we now know that all atomic *nuclei* (the plural of *nucleus*) contain positively charged particles called *protons*. And with the exception of *hydrogen*, the lightest element, atomic nuclei also contain electrically *neutral* particles called *neutrons*. Together, the protons and neutrons in an atom account for nearly all of its mass, but only a tiny fraction of its volume. The *mass number* (A) is the total number of neutrons and protons in an atom's nucleus. (Protons and neutrons are known, collectively, as *nucleons*.) The dense nucleus is surrounded by a "cloud" of electrons—and just as Rutherford proposed, atoms are mostly empty space. Figure 1.7 illustrates the nuclear model of the atom.

Of the three subatomic particles in our model of the atom, the electron is the smallest and lightest. Protons and neutrons have very similar masses, and each is nearly



**Figure 1.7** Nuclear model of the atom. Protons (blue) and neutrons (red) are contained within the nucleus, a tiny space at the center of the atom. The rest of the volume of the atom is nearly empty, but is occupied by the atom's electrons. This illustration exaggerates the size of the nucleus relative to the size of the atom. If the picture were actually done to scale, and the nucleus were the size shown here (1 centimeter), the atom would be on the order of 100 meters across—about the length of a football field.

2000 times as heavy as an electron. Further, because protons are positively charged and electrons are negatively charged, combination of equal numbers of each results in complete cancellation of the charges. The number of electrons is equal to the number of protons in a neutral atom. Because neutrons are electrically neutral, they do not contribute to an atom's overall charge.

Sample Problem 1.1 lets you practice identifying which combinations of subatomic particles constitute a neutral atom.

#### SAMPLE PROBLEM

# Identifying Neutral Atoms Using Numbers of Subatomic Particles

The following table contains data sets that indicate numbers of subatomic particles. Which of the sets of data represent neutral atoms? For those that do not represent neutral atoms, determine what the charge is—based on the numbers of subatomic particles.

	neutrons	protons	electrons
(a)	11	10	10
(b)	13	12	10
(c)	10	9	9
(d)	18	17	18

**Strategy** You have learned that the charge on a proton is +1 and the charge on an electron is -1. Neutrons have no charge. The overall charge is the sum of charges of the protons and electrons, and a neutral atom has no charge. Therefore, a set of data in which the number of protons is equal to the number of electrons represents a neutral atom.

Setup Data sets (a) and (c) each contain equal numbers of protons and electrons. Data sets (b) and (d) do not.

**Solution** The data in sets (a) and (c) represent neutral atoms. Those in (b) and (d) represent charged species. The charge on the species represented by data set (b) is +2: 12 protons (+1 each) and 10 electrons (-1 each). The charge on the species represented by data set (d) is -1: 17 protons (+1 each) and 18 electrons (-1 each).

#### THINK ABOUT IT

By summing the charges of protons and electrons, we can determine the overall charge on a species. Note that the number of neutrons is not a factor in determining overall charge because neutrons have no charge.

**Practice Problem** (A)**TTEMPT** Which of the following data sets represent neutral atoms? For those that do not represent neutral atoms, determine the charge.

	neutrons	protons	electrons
(a)	38	31	28
(b)	26	22	20
(c)	12	11	11
(d)	6	5	5

Practice Problem **BUILD** Fill in the appropriate missing numbers in the following table:

	overall charge	protons	electrons
(a)	+2	23	
(b)	+3		30
(c)	0	53	
(d)		16	18

#### Practice Problem **CONCEPTUALIZE**

Determine which of the following pictures represents a neutral atom. For any that does not represent a neutral atom, determine the overall charge. (Protons are blue, neutrons are red, and electrons are green.)

