

## CHAPTER 1: Introduction: Matter and Measurement

**INTRODUCTION AND SECTION 1.1** **Chemistry** is the study of the composition, structure, properties, and changes of **matter**. The composition of matter relates to the kinds of **elements** it contains. The structure of matter relates to the ways the **atoms** of these elements are arranged. A **property** is any characteristic that gives a sample of matter its unique identity. A **molecule** is an entity composed of two or more atoms with the atoms attached to one another in a specific way.

**SECTION 1.2** Matter exists in three physical states, **gas**, **liquid**, and **solid**, which are known as the **states of matter**. There are two kinds of **pure substances**: **elements** and **compounds**. Each element has a single kind of atom and is represented by a chemical symbol consisting of

**reaction**) a substance is transformed into a chemically different substance. **Intensive properties** are independent of the amount of matter examined and are used to identify substances. **Extensive properties** relate to the amount of substance present. Differences in physical and chemical properties are used to separate substances.

The **scientific method** is a dynamic process used to answer questions about our physical world. Observations and experiments lead to **scientific laws**, general rules that summarize how nature behaves. Observations also lead to tentative explanations or **hypotheses**. As a hypothesis is tested and refined, a **theory** may be developed that can predict the results of future observations and experiments.

**SECTION 1.4** Measurements in chemistry are made using the **metric system**. Special emphasis is placed on **SI units**, which are based on the meter, the kilogram, and the second as the basic units of length, **mass**, and time, respectively. SI units use prefixes to indicate fractions or multiples of base units. The SI temperature scale is the **Kelvin scale**, although the **Celsius scale** is frequently used as well. **Density** is an important property that equals mass divided by volume.

one or two letters, with the first letter capitalized. Compounds are composed of two or more elements joined chemically. The **law of constant composition**, also called the **law of definite proportions**, states that the elemental composition of a pure compound is always the same. Most matter consists of a mixture of substances. **Mixtures** have variable compositions and can be either homogeneous or heterogeneous; homogeneous mixtures are called **solutions**.

**SECTION 1.3** Each substance has a unique set of **physical properties** and **chemical properties** that can be used to identify it. During a **physical change**, matter does not change its composition. **Changes of state** are physical changes. In a **chemical change** (**chemical**

**SECTION 1.5** All measured quantities are inexact to some extent. The **precision** of a measurement indicates how closely different measurements of a quantity agree with one another. The **accuracy** of a measurement indicates how well a measurement agrees with the accepted or "true" value. The **significant figures** in a measured quantity include one estimated digit, the last digit of the measurement. The significant figures indicate the extent of the uncertainty of the measurement. Certain rules must be followed so that a calculation involving measured quantities is reported with the appropriate number of significant figures.

**SECTION 1.6** In the **dimensional analysis** approach to problem solving, we keep track of units as we carry measurements through calculations. The units are multiplied together, divided into each other, or canceled like algebraic quantities. Obtaining the proper units for the final result is an important means of checking the method of calculation. When converting units and when carrying out several other types of problems, **conversion factors** can be used. These factors are ratios constructed from valid relations between equivalent quantities.

### KEY SKILLS

- Distinguish among elements, compounds, and mixtures. (Section 1.2)
- Memorize symbols of common elements. (Section 1.2)
- Memorize common metric prefixes. (Section 1.4)
- Use significant figures, scientific notation, and SI units in calculations. (Section 1.5)
- Use dimensional analysis in calculations. (Section 1.6)

### KEY EQUATIONS

- $K = ^\circ\text{C} + 273.15$  [1.1] Converting between Celsius ( $^\circ\text{C}$ ) and Kelvin (K) temperature scales
- $^\circ\text{C} = \frac{5}{9} (^\circ\text{F} - 32)$  or  $^\circ\text{F} = \frac{9}{5} (^\circ\text{C}) + 32$  [1.2] Converting between Celsius ( $^\circ\text{C}$ ) and Fahrenheit ( $^\circ\text{F}$ ) temperature scales
- $\text{Density} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$  [1.3] Definition of density

## CHAPTER 2: Atoms, Molecules and Ions

**SECTIONS 2.1 AND 2.2** **Atoms** are the basic building blocks of matter. They are the smallest units of an element that can combine with other elements. Atoms are composed of even smaller particles, called **subatomic particles**. Some of these subatomic particles are charged and follow the usual behavior of charged particles: Particles with the same charge repel one another, whereas particles with unlike charges are attracted to one another. We considered some of the important experiments that led to the discovery and characterization of subatomic particles. Thomson's experiments on the behavior of

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**SECTION 2.3** Atoms have a nucleus that contains **protons** and **neutrons**; **electrons** move in the space around the nucleus. The magnitude of the charge of the electron,  $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  C, is called the **electronic charge**. The charges of particles are usually represented as multiples of this charge—an electron has a  $1-$  charge, and a proton has a  $1+$  charge. The masses of atoms are usually expressed in terms of **atomic mass units** ( $1 \text{ amu} = 1.66054 \times 10^{-24}$  g). The dimensions of atoms are often expressed in units of **angstroms** ( $1 \text{ \AA} = 10^{-10}$  m).

Elements can be classified by **atomic number**, the number of protons in the nucleus of an atom. All atoms of a given element have the same atomic number. The **mass number** of an atom is the sum of the numbers of protons and neutrons. Atoms of the same element that differ in mass number are known as **isotopes**.

**SECTION 2.4** The atomic mass scale is defined by assigning a mass of exactly 12 amu to a  $^{12}\text{C}$  atom. The **atomic weight** (average atomic mass) of an element can be calculated from the relative abundances and masses of that element's isotopes. The **mass spectrometer** provides the most direct and accurate means of experimentally measuring atomic (and molecular) weights.

**SECTION 2.5** The **periodic table** is an arrangement of the elements in order of increasing atomic number. Elements with similar properties are placed in vertical columns. The elements in a column are known as a **group**. The elements in a horizontal row are known as a **period**. The **metallic elements (metals)**, which comprise the majority of the elements, dominate the left side and the middle of the table; the **nonmetallic elements (nonmetals)** are located on the upper right side. Many of the elements that lie along the line that separates metals from nonmetals are **metalloids**.

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**cathode rays** in magnetic and electric fields led to the discovery of the electron and allowed its charge-to-mass ratio to be measured. Millikan's oil-drop experiment determined the charge of the electron. Becquerel's discovery of **radioactivity**, the spontaneous emission of radiation by atoms, gave further evidence that the atom has a substructure. Rutherford's studies of how thin metal foils scatter  $\alpha$  particles led to the **nuclear model** of the atom, showing that the atom has a dense, positively charged **nucleus**.

called **alkanes**. Alkanes have names that end in *-ane*, such as methane and ethane. Other organic compounds are formed when an H atom of a hydrocarbon is replaced with a functional group. An **alcohol**, for example, is a compound in which an H atom of a hydrocarbon is replaced by an OH functional group. Alcohols have names that end in *-ol*, such as methanol and ethanol. Compounds with the same molecular formula but a different bonding arrangement of their constituent atoms are called **isomers**.

**Structural formulas** show the order in which the atoms in a molecule are connected. Ball-and-stick models and space-filling models are often used to represent molecules.

**SECTION 2.7** Atoms can either gain or lose electrons, forming charged particles called **ions**. Metals tend to lose electrons, becoming positively charged ions (**cations**). Nonmetals tend to gain electrons, forming negatively charged ions (**anions**). Because **ionic compounds** are electrically neutral, containing both cations and anions, they usually contain both metallic and nonmetallic elements. Atoms that are joined together, as in a molecule, but carry a net charge are called **polyatomic ions**. The chemical formulas used for ionic compounds are empirical formulas, which can be written readily if the charges of the ions are known. The total positive charge of the cations in an ionic compound equals the total negative charge of the anions.

**SECTION 2.8** The set of rules for naming chemical compounds is called **chemical nomenclature**. We studied the systematic rules used for naming three classes of inorganic substances: ionic compounds, acids, and binary molecular compounds. In naming an ionic compound, the cation is named first and then the anion. Cations formed from metal atoms have the same name as the metal. If the metal can form cations of differing charges, the charge is given using Roman numerals. Monatomic anions have names ending in *-ide*. Polyatomic anions containing oxygen and another element (**oxyanions**) have names ending in *-ate* or *-ite*.

**SECTION 2.9** **Organic chemistry** is the study of compounds that contain carbon. The simplest class of organic molecules is the **hydrocarbons**, which contain only carbon and hydrogen. Hydrocarbons in which each carbon atom is attached to four other atoms are called **alkanes**. Alkanes have names that end in *-ane*, such as methane and ethane. Other organic compounds are formed when an H atom of a hydrocarbon is replaced with a functional group. An **alcohol**, for example, is a compound in which an H atom of a hydrocarbon is replaced by an OH functional group. Alcohols have names that end in *-ol*, such as methanol and ethanol. Compounds with the same molecular formula but a different bonding arrangement of their constituent atoms are called **isomers**.

## KEY SKILLS

- Describe the basic postulates of Dalton's atomic theory. (Section 2.1)
- Describe the key experiments that led to the discovery of electrons and to the nuclear model of the atom. (Section 2.2)
- Describe the structure of the atom in terms of protons, neutrons, and electrons. (Section 2.3)
- Describe the electrical charge and relative masses of protons, neutrons, and electrons. (Section 2.3)
- Use chemical symbols together with atomic number and mass number to express the subatomic composition of isotopes. (Section 2.3)
- Understand how atomic weights relate to the masses of individual atoms and to their natural abundances. (Section 2.4)
- Describe how elements are organized in the periodic table by atomic number and by similarities in chemical behavior, giving rise to periods and groups. (Section 2.5)
- Describe the locations of metals and nonmetals in the periodic table. (Section 2.5)
- Distinguish between molecular substances and ionic substances in terms of their composition. (Sections 2.6 and 2.7)
- Distinguish between empirical formulas and molecular formulas. (Section 2.6)
- Describe how molecular formulas and structural formulas are used to represent the compositions of molecules. (Section 2.6)
- Explain how ions are formed by the gain or loss of electrons and be able to use the periodic table to predict the charges of common ions. (Section 2.7)
- Write the empirical formulas of ionic compounds, given the charges of their component ions. (Section 2.7)
- Write the name of an ionic compound given its chemical formula, or write the chemical formula given its name. (Section 2.8)
- Name or write chemical formulas for binary inorganic compounds and for acids. (Section 2.8)
- Identify organic compounds and name simple alkanes and alcohols. (Section 2.9)