

## Chapter 6: Stoichiometry

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### Introduction: What is Matter Made Of?

- Scientists have always wondered what makes up everything around us (wood, rocks, living things).
- In the 19th century, John Dalton proposed an **atomic theory**, which says that everything is made of tiny particles called **atoms**.
- This chapter will teach you the basic language and concepts to understand matter, which will be very helpful for future studies.

### 6.1. Empirical Formula and Molecular Formula

A chemical formula tells you which elements are in a compound and the number of their atoms. There are two main types:

### 6.1.1. Empirical Formula

**What it is:** The *simplest whole number ratio* of atoms in a compound.

**Think of it like:** A recipe reduced to its simplest form (e.g., a 2:4 ratio simplifies to 1:2). **Examples:**

- o **Hydrogen Peroxide:** The actual molecule is  $H_2O_2$ , but the simplest ratio of H to O is 1:1. So, its empirical formula is **HO**.
- o **Glucose:** The actual molecule is  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ . The simplest ratio of C:H:O is 1:2:1 (divide all by 6). So, its empirical formula is **CH<sub>2</sub>O**.

| EMPIRICAL FORMULA                             | MOLECULAR FORMULA                              |
|---|--|
| $NO_2$  | $N_2O_4$                                       |
| The ratio of nitrogen to oxygen atoms is 1:2. | There are 2 nitrogen atoms and 4 oxygen atoms. |

### 6.1.2. Molecular Formula

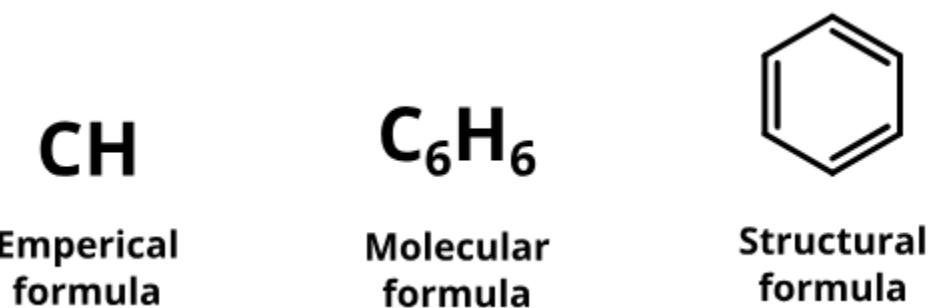
**What it is:** Shows the *actual* number of each type of atom in a single molecule of the compound. **Think of it like:** The exact, detailed recipe.

**Examples:**

- o **Hydrogen Peroxide:** The molecular formula is  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (2 hydrogen atoms and 2 oxygen atoms).
- o **Glucose:** The molecular formula is  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$  (6 carbon, 12 hydrogen, and 6 oxygen atoms).
- o **Benzene:** The molecular formula is  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ . Since the ratio of C to H is 1:1, its empirical formula is  $\text{CH}$ .

### **Key Relationship:**

- The molecular formula is often a **multiple** of the empirical formula.
- For example, for glucose:  $(\text{CH}_2\text{O}) \times 6 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ .



### **When are they the same?**

For many simple compounds, the empirical formula *is* the molecular formula because the ratio cannot be simplified further.

- **Water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ):** The H:O ratio is 2:1, which is already the simplest.
- **Carbon Dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ):** The C:O ratio is 1:2, which is already the simplest.
- Others: Ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ), Methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ), Sulphur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ).

## **6.2. Molecular Mass and Formula Mass**

**What it is:** The mass of a molecule. It's the sum of the atomic masses of all the atoms in its **molecular formula**.

**How to calculate it:**

1. Look at the molecular formula.
2. Multiply the atomic mass of each element by the number of its atoms in the molecule.
3. Add them all together.
  - The unit is the atomic mass unit (amu).

### **Example: Calculating the Molecular Mass of Water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )**

1. The formula is  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . So, it has **2 Hydrogen atoms** and **1 Oxygen atom**.

2. Atomic mass of Hydrogen (H)  $\approx$  1.008 amu

Single molecule

Atomic mass of Oxygen (O) = 16.00 amu



3. Calculation:

$$= (2 \times 1.008 \text{ amu}) + (1 \times 16.00 \text{ amu})$$

1 molecule  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
(18.0 amu)

$$= 2.016 \text{ amu} + 16.00 \text{ amu}$$

$$= \mathbf{18.016 \text{ amu}}$$

So, one molecule of water has a mass of about 18.016 amu.

### **Formula Mass (For Ionic Compounds)**

**Molecular Mass** is the sum of atomic masses in a *molecule*. It's used for **molecular compounds** (like water  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or glucose  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ ).

**Formula Mass** is used for **ionic compounds** (like table salt  $\text{NaCl}$ ).

**Why the difference?** Ionic compounds (e.g.,  $\text{NaCl}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ) don't exist as separate

molecules. Instead, they form a giant 3D crystal lattice of positively charged ions (cations) and negatively charged ions (anions).

**Formula Unit:** We represent an ionic compound by its **formula unit**, which shows the simplest ratio of ions in the compound. For NaCl, the ratio of  $\text{Na}^+$  to  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions is 1:1.

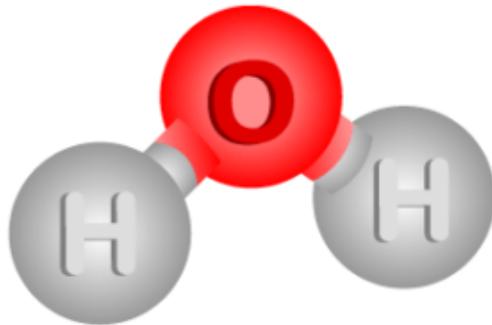
*The **Formula Mass** is the sum of the atomic masses of all the atoms in a compound's formula unit.*

**Calculation:** It's calculated the same way as molecular mass!

- o *Example:* Formula mass of NaCl = Atomic mass of Na (23 amu) + Atomic mass of Cl (35.5 amu) = **58.5 amu**.

### 6.3. Naming and Writing Formulas for Binary Ionic Compounds

A **binary ionic compound** is made from a metal (which forms a positive cation) and a non-metal (which forms a negative anion).



#### a) How to NAME them:

1. **First**, write the name of the **metal cation** (exactly as the element's name).
2. **Second**, write the name of the **non-metal anion**, but change the ending to "**-ide**".

- o *Examples:*

NaCl: Sodium Chlorine → Sodium Chloride

MgO: Magnesium Oxygen → Magnesium Oxide

AlN: Aluminium Nitrogen →  
Aluminium Nitride

**b) How to WRITE their formulas (The Criss-Cross Method):**

**Step 1:** Write the symbols for the cation and anion **with their charges.**

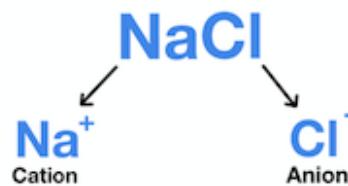
- o Example for Aluminium Oxide:  
 $\text{Al}^{3+}$  and  $\text{O}^{2-}$

**Step 2: Criss-Cross** the charges to become the subscripts for the other ion. Use the smallest whole numbers.

- o The '3' from  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  becomes the subscript for O.
- o The '2' from  $\text{O}^{2-}$  becomes the subscript for Al.
- o This gives:  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

## Ionic Compounds

Ionic compounds are neutral compounds containing ions (cations and anions) that bond together via electrostatic forces



## What are Ions?

Ions are atoms that contain an uneven number of protons and electrons which results in an overall positive or negative charge



Cations are atoms that contain a positive charge.  
The positive charge is a result of the atom containing more protons than electrons

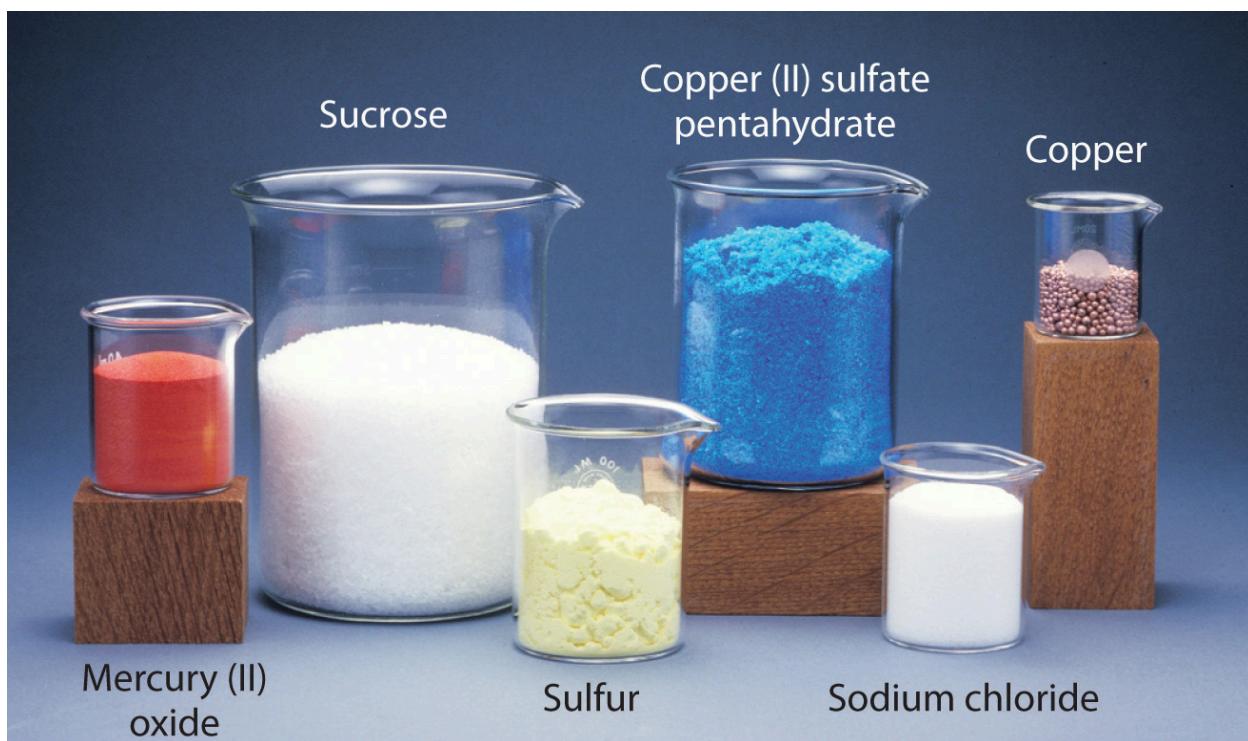
Anions are atoms that contain a negative charge.  
The negative charge is a result of the atom containing more electrons than protons

**Step 3: Check for Neutrality:** The total positive charge must equal the total negative charge. o  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ :  $(2 \text{ Al} \times +3) = +6$  and  $(3 \text{ O} \times -2) = -6$ . The compound is neutral ✓

**Important:** If the subscripts have a common factor, simplify them. For example,  $\text{Mg}_2\text{O}_2$  simplifies to  $\text{MgO}$ .

## 6.4. The Mole & Avogadro's Number

**The Problem:** Atoms and molecules are extremely small and tiny. We can't count them individually. We need a practical "counting unit" for the particle world.



**The Solution:** The **Mole (mol)**. Just like we use...

- o A **dozen** to count 12 things (eggs, oranges),
- o A **ream** to count 500 things (papers),
- o ...Chemists use a **mole** to count a very, very large number of particles.

**Avogadro's Number ( $N_A$ ):** One mole of a substance contains  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  representative particles. This is a **HUGE** number: 602,200,000,000,000,000,000.

**Examples:**

- 1 mole of Carbon atoms =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  C atoms
- 1 mole of Sulphur atoms =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  S atoms
- 1 mole of Water molecules =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  H<sub>2</sub>O molecules
- 1 mole of NaCl formula units =  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  NaCl formula units

## 6.5. Molar Mass & Chemical Calculations

### 1. Molar Mass: The Grand Summary

The **mass of one mole** of any substance is called its **Molar Mass**. Its unit is grams per mole (g/mol). Think of it as the "weight" of a chemical "dozen" (where a dozen is  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  particles).

This single concept has three specific names depending on what you're measuring: **a) Gram Atomic Mass (For Elements)**

**What it is:** The atomic mass from the periodic table, expressed in grams. **It contains:** 1 mole of atoms ( $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  atoms) of an element.

#### Examples:

- o Carbon (C): Atomic mass = 12 amu → **Gram Atomic Mass = 12 g/mol** o Sodium (Na): Atomic mass = 23 amu → **Gram Atomic Mass = 23 g/mol** o This means **12 grams of Carbon** contains exactly  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  carbon atoms.

#### b) Gram Molecular Mass (For Molecules)

The molecular mass of a compound, expressed in **grams**.

**It contains:** 1 mole of molecules ( $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  molecules).

#### Examples:

- o Water (H<sub>2</sub>O): Molecular mass = 18.016 amu → **Gram Molecular Mass = 18.016**

**g/mol** o Glucose ( $C_6H_{12}O_6$ ): Molecular mass = 180.096 amu → **Gram Molecular Mass = 180.096 g/mol**

o This means **18.016 grams of Water** contains exactly  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$   $H_2O$  molecules.

### c) Gram Formula Mass (For Ionic Compounds)

**What it is:** The formula mass of an ionic compound, expressed in **grams**. It contains: **1 mole of formula units** ( $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  formula units).

**Examples:**

- o Sodium Chloride (NaCl): Formula mass = 58.5 amu → **Gram Formula Mass = 58.5 g/mol**
- o Potassium Chloride (KCl): Formula mass = 74.5 amu → **Gram Formula Mass = 74.5 g/mol**
- o This means **58.5 grams of NaCl** contains exactly  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  NaCl formula units.

## The Unified Concept: Molar Mass

- All three terms (**Gram Atomic Mass, Gram Molecular Mass, and Gram Formula Mass**) are collectively known as **Molar Mass**.
- **Simple Definition of a Mole:** A mole is the **atomic mass, molecular mass, or formula mass expressed in grams**.

## Introduction to Chemical Calculations

This is where everything comes together. The concepts of the mole, Avogadro's number, and molar mass form a powerful toolkit for solving chemical problems.

You can use these relationships as conversion factors:

### Connecting Mass to Moles:

- o **Moles = Mass (g) ÷ Molar Mass (g/mol)**

### **Connecting Moles to Number of Particles:**

- o Number of Particles = Moles × (6.022×10<sup>23</sup> particles/mol)

### **Connecting Mass directly to Number of Particles:**

- o Number of Particles = [Mass (g) ÷ Molar Mass (g/mol)] × (6.022×10<sup>23</sup>)
- Mole-Mass Calculations & Chemical Equations**

### **Part 1: Mole-Mass Calculations**

This is the practical application of the mole concept. We use molar mass as a conversion factor. **The Core Formula:**

- Mass (g) = Moles (mol) × Molar Mass (g/mol)
- This formula lets you find the mass if you know the number of moles, or find the number of moles if you know the mass.

### **Type 1: Calculating Molar Mass**

#### **Rule:**

- For a **metal** (like Na, Cu, K), the molar mass is simply its **atomic mass in grams** (Gram Atomic Mass).
- For a **non-metal that exists as a molecule** (like N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>), the molar mass is its **molecular mass in grams** (Gram Molecular Mass).
- For a **compound**, the molar mass is its **molecular or formula mass in grams**.

### **Example 6.3: Calculating Molar Mass**

- a) **Sodium (Na):** It's a metal.

Molar Mass = **23 g/mol**

b) **Nitrogen (N):** It exists as diatomic molecules ( $\text{N}_2$ ).

Molecular mass of  $\text{N}_2 = 14 \times 2 = \mathbf{28 \text{ amu}}$

Molar Mass = **28 g/mol**

c) **Sucrose ( $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$ ):** It's a molecular compound.

Molecular mass =  $(12 \times 12) + (1 \times 22) + (16 \times 11) = 144 + 22 + 176 = \mathbf{342 \text{ amu}}$   
Molar Mass = **342 g/mol**

**Type 2: Calculating the Mass from Moles** This uses the core formula directly: **Mass = Moles × Molar Mass** **Example 6.4: Mass of Ozone ( $\text{O}_3$ )**

**Given:** Moles of  $\text{O}_3 = 9.05 \text{ mol}$

**Step 1: Find Molar Mass of  $\text{O}_3$**

o Molar Mass =  $16 \times 3 = \mathbf{48 \text{ g/mol}}$

**Step 2: Apply Formula**

o Mass = Moles × Molar Mass

o Mass =  $9.05 \text{ mol} \times 48 \text{ g/mol}$

o Mass = **434.4 g**

**Answer:** The mass of 9.05 moles of ozone is **434.4 grams**. **Example 6.5: Mass of Carbon Dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ )**

**Given:** Moles of  $\text{CO}_2 = 0.25 \text{ mol}$

**Step 1: Find Molar Mass of  $\text{CO}_2$**

o Molar Mass =  $12 + (16 \times 2) = 44 \text{ g/mol}$

### Step 2: Apply Formula

o Mass =  $0.25 \text{ mol} \times 44 \text{ g/mol}$

o Mass = **11 g**

· Answer: The mass of 0.25 moles of CO<sub>2</sub> is **11 grams**.

## 6.6. Chemical Equations and Balancing

A chemical equation is like a recipe for a chemical reaction. It shows what you start with and what you end up with.

### Parts of a Chemical Equation:

· **Reactants:** The starting substances. They are written on the **left** side.

· **Products:** The new substances formed. They are written on the **right** side. ·

**Arrow (→):** Means "yields" or "produces" and shows the direction of the reaction. ·

### Steps to Write a Chemical Equation:

#### Step 1: Write the Word Equation

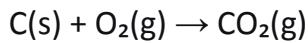
· Identify the reactants and products.

· *Example (Burning Coal):* Coal + Oxygen → Carbon dioxide

#### Step 2: Write the Skeleton Equation with States

· Replace the names with correct chemical formulas.

- Add physical states in parentheses: (s)=solid, (l)=liquid, (g)=gas, (aq)=aqueous (dissolved in water).
- *Example (Burning Coal):*



- **Important:** This initial equation is often *unbalanced* (the number of atoms on the left doesn't equal the number on the right).

### **Step 3: Balance the Equation!**

**Law of Conservation of Mass:** Matter cannot be created or destroyed. The number of each type of atom must be the same on both sides.

You balance by placing numbers (**coefficients**) in front of the formulas. **Never change the subscripts inside the formulas!**

*Example (Burning Coal):*

*Skeleton:*  $\text{C(s)} + \text{O}_2\text{(g)} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2\text{(g)}$

*Check Atoms:* Left: 1 C, 2 O Right: 1 C, 2 O

It's already balanced!

## **Balancing Equations, Ionic Equations, and Formulas**

### **Balancing Chemical Equations**

#### **The Golden Rule: Law of Conservation of Mass**

- Atoms cannot be created or destroyed in a chemical reaction.

- Therefore, you must have the **same number of each type of atom** on the **reactant side** (left) and the **product side** (right).

A **balanced chemical equation** is one where this rule is followed.

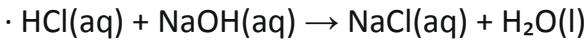
### How to Balance an Equation: A Step-by-Step Guide

- **Coefficients:** Large numbers you place *in front* of a chemical formula. This multiplies every atom in that formula. (e.g.,  $2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  means 2 molecules of water, totaling 4 H atoms and 2 O atoms).
- **NEVER change the subscripts** (the small numbers within the formula). This would change the identity of the compound itself!

## Ionic Equations

### Steps to Write an Ionic Equation:

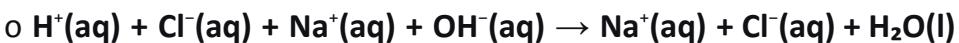
#### Step 1: Write the Balanced Molecular Equation



#### Step 2: Write the Complete Ionic Equation

Split all soluble, ionic compounds (those with (aq)) into their individual ions.

**Note:** Keep non-dissociating substances like liquids (l), gases (g), and solids (s) together. **Complete Ionic Equation:**



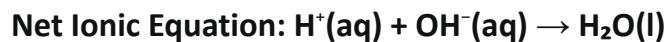
#### Step 3: Identify and Remove Spectator Ions

**Spectator Ions:** Ions that appear unchanged on both sides of the equation. They are present but do not participate in the actual chemical change.

In this equation:  $\text{Na}^+(\text{aq})$  and  $\text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$  are spectator ions.

#### Step 4: Write the Net Ionic Equation

This shows only the particles that actually react.



This reveals the true essence of the reaction: an acid and a base combining to form water.

## 6.7. Molecular Formula vs. Structural Formula

**Molecular Formula:** Shows the **type and number** of atoms in a single molecule of a compound.

o *Example:*  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$

**Structural Formula:** Shows **how the atoms are connected and bonded** to each other. o *Example:*  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$  (for n-Butane)

**How to Write a Molecular Formula from a Structural Formula Example: For  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-OH}$**

**Identify the Elements:** Carbon (C), Hydrogen (H), Oxygen (O).

**Count the Atoms:**

**Carbon (C):** There are 3 C atoms (one in each  $\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{CH}_2$  group).

**Hydrogen (H):** Let's count carefully:

- $\text{CH}_3$ - has 3 H
- $-\text{CH}_2-$  has 2 H
- $-\text{CH}_2-$  has 2 H
- The -OH has 1 H

$$\text{Total H} = 3 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 8$$

**Oxygen (O):** There is 1 O atom (in the -OH group).

**Write the Formula:** Write the symbols and the counts as subscripts.

o **Molecular Formula:**  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}$

1. **Balance Equations:** Use coefficients to make atom counts equal on both sides.  
Never change subscripts.
2. **Write Ionic Equations:** Split (aq) compounds into ions, cancel spectators, and write the net reaction.
3. **Find Molecular Formula from Structure:** Identify all atoms and count them carefully to write the correct formula.



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