


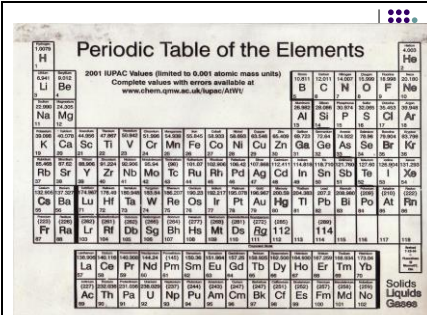
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Chemical Composition

Moles! Moles! Moles!



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Periodic Table of the Elements


2001 IUPAC Values (limited to 0.001 atomic mass units)
Complete values with errors available at
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Little Problem

I have a sample of CO_2 that contains 3 moles oxygen atoms, how many grams of carbon do I have?

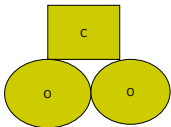
- A. 18.0 g
- B. 72.0 g
- C. 48.0 g
- D. 96.0 g
- E. 36.0 g



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Building Molecules

Consider carbon dioxide – CO₂

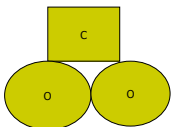


It's just like a little house made out of different size bricks

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Pieces of the Whole

If you look at the molecule this way, it is easy to see how the number of parts relates to the whole thing



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Stoichiometric Ratios

My little House of Atoms is constructed by specific ratios of each of the constituent atoms. There are always 2 oxygen atoms and 1 carbon atom in every molecule.

<u>2 oxygen atoms</u>	<u>2 moles oxygen</u>
1 carbon atoms	1 mole carbon
<u>2 mol O</u>	<u>1 mol C</u>
1 mol CO ₂	1 mol CO ₂

(or the inverses)

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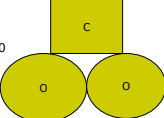
% Composition

Because mass is conserved and the whole is simply the sum of the parts – it is possible to specify the composition as a % of the total mass!

% by mass Carbon = $\frac{\text{mass of carbon}}{\text{total mass CO}_2} \times 100$

% C = $\frac{\text{mass of carbon}}{100 \text{ g total mass CO}_2}$

% by mass Oxygen = $\frac{\text{mass of oxygen}}{\text{total mass CO}_2} \times 100$



The diagram shows a central yellow square labeled 'C' representing a carbon atom, positioned above two yellow circles labeled 'O' representing oxygen atoms, illustrating the molecular structure of carbon dioxide.

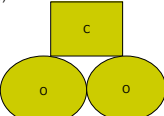
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% by mass Carbon = $\frac{12.011 \text{ g/mol}}{44.011 \text{ g/mol}} \times 100$
= 27.29 % C (by mass)

% by mass Oxygen = $\frac{32.0 \text{ g/mol}}{44.011 \text{ g/mol}} \times 100$
= 72.71 % O



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Using mass % to determine composition

You can also do the reverse operation. If you know the % by mass of each constituent atom, you can determine the chemical formula.

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A Little Problem

What is the molecular formula of a substance that is 67.1% zinc and 32.9% oxygen (by mass)?




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Grams is good, moles is better

What is the chemical formula of a substance that is 67.1% zinc, by mass, and 32.9% oxygen?

We need molar ratios – how do we get moles from mass %?

UNITS! UNITS! UNITS!



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Grams is good, moles is better


What is the chemical formula of a substance that is 67.1% zinc, by mass, and 32.9% oxygen?

What are the units of mass %?

g something/100 grams total

How does this help us?

If we assume we have 100 grams total, then the % just becomes the mass!



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Combustion

When an organic compound is burned in the presence of oxygen, it creates a limited number of products:

$$C_xH_yO_zN_a + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O + NO_2$$

It is, therefore, possible to determine the composition of an organic molecule by analyzing its combustion products.

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Sample Problem

An unknown hydrocarbon (containing only carbon and hydrogen) is burned in the presence of oxygen. 7.5 g CO₂ and 3.2 g H₂O are collected. What is the empirical formula of the hydrocarbon?

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Solution

Where do we start?

MOLES! MOLES! MOLES!

Which requires a balanced equation:

$$C_xH_y + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2O$$
$$C_xH_y + (x+y/4) O_2 \rightarrow x CO_2 + y/2 H_2O$$
