

2 Atoms, Molecules, and Ions

※ A historical background of chemistry

(ref. *The History of Chemistry* by John Hudson, 1992)

Early chemistry: Development of technologies
(Experiments)

◎ Neolithic revolution

stone age → bronze age → iron age

Important tool of technology: fire

✓ Extraction of metal:

Au, Ag, Cu, Fe

← from meteorite

Through chemical reactions

Ex. Malachite $\xrightarrow{\text{charcoal}}$ Cu
(CuCO_3)

✓ Pottery and glass

← as early as 4000 BC

✓ Pigments and dyes

← Ex. indigo

↑ as early as 30,000 yrs

red: iron oxide

yellow: iron carbonate

black: manganese dioxide

◎ Early speculation
The first principle

◎ The ionian: materialistic explanation
Thales (~585 BC)
Water

Anaximander (~555 BC)
Boundless

Anaximenes (~535 BC)
Mist

Heraclitus (~500 BC)
Fire

◎ Western Greek philosopher
Pythagoras (~560 BC)
Mathematical approach

Parmenides (~500 BC)
Truth should be sought by reason alone

Empedocles (~450 BC)
Observation is important

ex. Clepsydra experiment
→ air is a material substance

Idea

four roots: earth, air, fire, and water
two forces: attraction, and repulsion



◎ Greek mainland

Anaxagoras (500 – 428 BC)

Every material always retains a portion of every other material

Leucippus (478 BC) } Proposed atoms (indivisible)
Democritus (420 BC)

Socrates (470 – 399 BC)

Socrates method

Focused on moral and ethical issues

Plato (427 – 347 BC)

Primary roots: five regular polyhedra

Aristotle (384 – 322 BC)

Four element theory (from Empedocles)

Against atomic theory

Perform little experiment

◎ The era of alchemy (煉金)

Primary goal: base metal → gold

632 AC Islam expansion

Baghdad became center of learning

The idea of alchemy imported from China

12th century

Influenced European scholars

Ex. Wine distillation, water cooled condenser

13th century

Discovery of sulfuric acid, nitric acid

© From alchemy to chemistry

Three traditions

The Aristotelian

The Magical

The Mechanical

17th century – modern science began to emerge

Up rise of mechanical philosophy

Influence of Archimedes (287 – 212 BC)

Bacon (1561 – 1626)

Experiments should be planned.

Results should be repeated and verified.

Experimental science emerged → New ideas

✓ Robert Boyle (1627 – 1691)

A strong believer in mechanistic interpretation of chemical phenomenon

Critical to Aristotle's concept of four elements

Studied combustion

Exp. red hot iron plate in a vessel → evacuate

→ drop combustible materials on it

→ catch no fire

→ release air in

→ catch fire

Exp.

metal $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$ calx (oxide)
gain weight

Conclusion: metal + phlogiston → calx

Exp. $\text{Fe} + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2$ ↖ inflammable

✓ Robert Hooke (1635 – 1703)

Constructed a coherent theory of combustion

Air: Absorbs phlogiston

When saturated – ceased burning

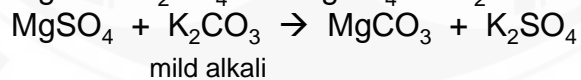
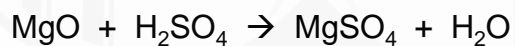
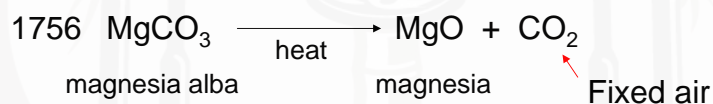
In vacuum – no combustion because vac. can
not absorb phlogiston

Problem: Burning of metal

→ gives off phlogiston

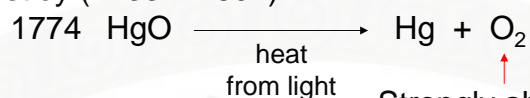
But calx gains weight?

✓ Black (1728 – 1799)



Similarly for quick-lime (CaCO_3)

✓ Priestley (1733 – 1804)



Strongly absorbs phlogiston

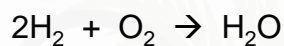
1778 Aquatic plants → give off O_2

✓ Scheele (1742 – 1786)

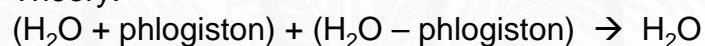
Exp. K_2S absorbs O_2 in the air
→ residual gas is lighter than ordinary air
→ termed foul air (N_2)

Does not absorb phlogiston

✓ Cavendish (1731 – 1810)



Theory:



© New era

Lavoisier (1743 – 1794)

Exp. Boiling of H_2O in a closed vessel
→ discredit phlogiston

Exp. Heating Sn in a sealed apparatus
→ SnO_2

Exp. $\text{HgO} \xrightarrow{\text{heating}} \text{Hg} \xrightarrow{\text{O}_2} \text{HgO}$

} Oxygen theory

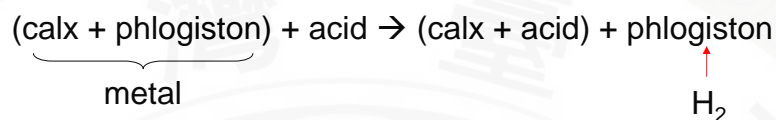
➡ Air is composed of two parts

✓ The question of H₂

Known: metal + acid → H₂

Theory based on phlogiston:

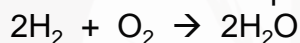
phlogiston ≡ H₂



Q: For Lavoisier:

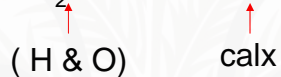
If H₂ is not phlogiston, then what is H₂?

Hint from Cavendish's exp.



Exp. H₂O + red hot Fe → calx + H₂

Theory: metal + H₂O → metal oxide + H₂



※ Fundamental chemical laws



Lavoisier – Law of conservation of mass
(quantitative analysis)

Proust (1754 – 1826)
Law of definite proportion
(by 1808 generally accepted)

Dalton (1766 – 1844)
Law of constant composition:
Compound is composed of atoms
with the same combination

Ex. Two ways to combine C & O

Compound I 1 g C 1.33 g O

Compound II 1 g C 2.66 g O

→ Law of multiple proportions
(Berzelius, 1779 – 1848, determined 200 inorganic compound in 10 years)

Problem

could not determine absolute formula

CO C₂O₂ -----

CO₂ C₂O₄ -----

※ Dalton's atomic theory (1808)



1. Element – composed of atoms
2. Different element – different atoms
3. Compound – atoms combined in a definite ratio
4. Chemical reaction – reorganize atoms

Atomic weights (1805)

1 g H, 8 g O → water

If $AW(O) = 8 \times AW(H)$ → water = OH ✓ Principle of

If $AW(O) = 16 \times AW(H)$ → water = OH₂ simplicity

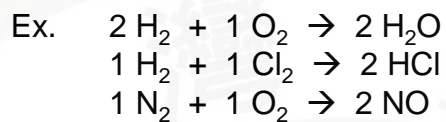
etc.

(by 1826, Berzelius's table contained 49 elements)

1809 Gay-Lussac (1778 – 1850)

Studied reactions of gases

existence of simple whole number



1811 Avogadro (1776 – 1856)

Avogadro hypothesis

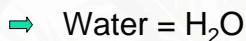
Same T, P

equal volumes of different gases

contain the same number of particles

Proposed

diatomic molecules (accepted in 1860)



Problem: the idea of diatomic molecule was not accepted

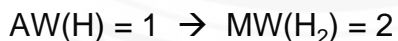
※ The new era
(Cannizzarro's interpretation)



1860 First International Chemical Congress at Karlsruhe
(Organizer: Kekule (1829 – 1896))

Cannizzarro (1826 – 1910)

1. Compounds contain whole number of atoms
2. Adopt Avogadro's hypothesis



$$\frac{W_{1\text{LO}_2}}{W_{1\text{LH}_2}} = \frac{16}{1} = \frac{32}{2} \rightarrow \text{AW}(\text{O}) = 16$$

Carbon dioxide: relative mass = 44
(compared with hydrogen)
with 27% of C ($44 \times 0.27 = 12$)

44 g CO₂: 12 g C 32 g O

If AW(C) = 12 → CO₂
6 → CO

How can we determine the AW of C?

	Rel. mass	% C	Rel. mass	
Methane	16	75	12	← 16×0.75
Ethane	30	80	24	
Propane	44	82	36	
Butane	58	83	48	
CO ₂	44	27	12	

→ Conclusion: AW(C) = 12

Mendeleev

“我清楚的記得他的演講帶給我的印象，可說是在闡述確實的真理而無懈可擊，而這些真理是基於亞佛加厥，蓋哈特(Gerhardt)以及雷諾(Regnault)等在當時幾乎完全不被認同的觀念。雖然真正的共識在當時尚未能達成，但是這個會議的目的卻達到了，因為在數年之後，卡氏的想法證實為唯一能通過檢驗的理論，也代表原子為分子或化合物組成的最小部分。唯有如此真實的原子量，而非過去的各種數值，才能成為一切理論的基礎。”

Meyer (1830 – 1895)

“The Modern Theory of Chemistry” 1864

“當這些數值鑽入我眼中時，所有的疑問都已消失，
取代而之的是一種最為平和的確實感”

-- a feeling of the most peaceful assurance --

1869

The first periodic table

※ Characterization of atom



1856-1940 J. J. Thomson

Study of cathode ray tubes

→ cathode ray

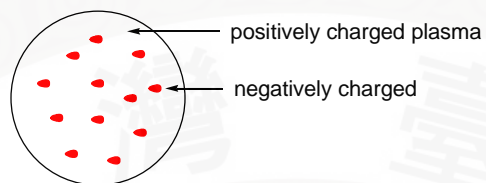
→ different metals, same result

Thomson's postulation

negatively charged particles
(electrons)

$$\frac{e}{m} = -1.76 \times 10^8 \text{ C/g}$$

Thomson's plum pudding model (1904)

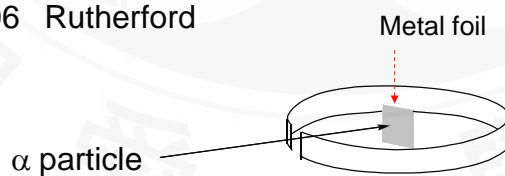


1909 Millikan (1868 – 1953)
determined the charge of electron
→ the mass of $e^- = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

※ Nuclear atom

Early 20th century: radioactivity
 α particle: +2 charge
mass = $7300 M_{e^-}$

1906 Rutherford



Most of the particles passed through
but some particles were deflected at large angles

Molecules: Atoms combined through chemical bonds
Ions: Cations (ex. Na^+)
Anions (ex. Cl^-)

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※ Naming simple compounds

(nomenclature)

1782 De Morveau

A substance should have one fixed name,
which should reflect its composition

1787 Lavoisier

“Methods of Chemical Nomenclature”

統一命名法則： IUPAC systematic nomenclature

└ 國際化學與化工學會
International Union of Pure
and Applied Chemistry

◎ Type I : binary ionic compounds 離子化合物



M^+ : metal cation 金屬陽離子 (only one charge type)

A^- : anion 陰離子

Rules :

1. cation first
2. Cation takes the name of the atom
Ex. NaCl **sodium** chloride
3. anion with -ide suffix
Ex. chlorine \Rightarrow **chloride**

H^+	hydrogen	H^-	hydride
Li^+	lithium	OH^-	hydroxide
Na^+	sodium	F^-	fluoride
K^+	potassium	Cl^-	chloride
Mg^{2+}	magnesium	Br^-	bromide
Ca^{2+}	calcium	I^-	iodide
Ba^{2+}	barium	O^{2-}	oxide
Al^{3+}	aluminum	S^{2-}	sulfide
		N^{3-}	nitride
		N_3^-	azide
Li_3N	lithium nitride		(氮 : nitrogen)
NaN_3	sodium azide		
MgO	magnesium oxide		(氧 : oxygen)

Ex. Fe(II)Cl_2 , Fe(III)Cl_3

FeCl_2 IUPAC: iron(II) chloride Common: ferrous chloride
 FeCl_3 IUPAC: iron(III) chloride Common: ferric chloride
 Common names: -ous (lower charge), -ic (higher charge)

IA, IIA cations

IIIA: Al^{3+} (aluminum)

Transition metals:

 $\text{Zn}^{2+}, \text{Ag}^{+}$

(Zn: zinc; Ag: silver)

lanthanides:	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu
actinides:	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No	Lr

△ Some common type II cations

Cu^+ : cupr**ous**

Cu^{2+} : cupr**ic**

Sn^{2+} : stann**ous**

Sn^{4+} : stann**ic**

Hg_2^{2+} : mercur**ous**

Hg^{2+} : mercur**ic**

Ex. Al_2O_3 aluminum oxide
 ↑
 only one type of charge
 CoBr_2 cobalt(II) bromide

△ Polyatomic anions

SO_4^{2-} : sulf**ate** (硫酸根)

SO_3^{2-} : sulf**ite** (亞硫酸根)

Rules: -**ate** (with more O) , -**ite** (with fewer O)

ClO^- : **hypo**chlorite (次氯酸根)

ClO_2^- : chlorite (亞氯酸根)

ClO_3^- : chlorate (氯酸根)

ClO_4^- : **per**chlorate (過氯酸根)

Rules : **hypo** (with fewer O) , **per** (with more O)

NO_3^- : nitr**ate** (硝酸根)

NO_2^- : nitr**ite** (亞硝酸根)

PO_4^{3-} : phosphate (磷酸根)

HPO_4^{2-} : hydrogen phosphate

H_2PO_4^- : dihydrogen phosphate

CO_3^{2-} : carbonate (碳酸根)

HCO_3^- : hydrogen carbonate (also called bicarbonate)

O_2^{2-} : peroxide (過氧根)

△ Polyatomic cation

NH_4^+ ammonium ion

Ex. NH_4Cl ammonium chloride

△ Prefix (to indicate number)

mono-	1
di-	2
tri-	3
tetra-	4
penta-	5
hexa-	6
hepta-	7
octa-	8

◎ Type III : binary covalent compounds
contain two nonmetals

Very similar to ionic compounds

N_2O dinitrogen monoxide (common: nitrous oxide)

NO nitrogen monoxide (or oxide) (common: nitric oxide)

NO_2 nitrogen dioxide

N_2O_3 dinitrogen trioxide

N_2O_4 dinitrogen tetroxide

N_2O_5 dinitrogen pentaoxide

Note:

monoxide but not monoxide (N_2O and NO are exception)

pentaoxide but not pentoxide

mono never used for the first element

◎ Acids (酸)

△ Without oxygen

HCl hydrochloric acid (hydrogen chloride)

H₂S hydrosulfuric acid (hydrogen sulfide)

HCN hydrocyanic acid (hydrogen cyanide)

△ With oxygen

SO₄²⁻ : sulfate

H₂SO₄ : sulfuric acid

SO₃²⁻ : sulfite

H₂SO₃ : sulfurous acid

HNO₃ : nitric acid

HNO₂ : nitrous acid

HClO : hypochlorous acid (次氯酸)

HClO₂ : chlorous acid (亞氯酸)

HClO₃ : chloric acid (氯酸)

HClO₄ : perchloric acid (過氯酸)