



Chapter 02

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The Nature of Molecules and the Properties of Water Chapter 2



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Nature of Atoms

- Matter has mass and occupies space
- All matter is composed of atoms

 Understanding the structure of atoms is critical to understanding the nature of biological molecules

Atomic Structure

- Atoms are composed of
 - Protons
 - Positively charged particles
 - Located in the nucleus
 - Neutrons
 - Neutral particles
 - Located in the nucleus
 - Electrons
 - Negatively charged particles
 - Found in orbitals surrounding the nucleus



(negative charge)

(no charge)

(positive charge)

Atomic number

- Number of protons equals number of electrons
 - Atoms are electrically neutral
- Atomic number = number of protons
 - Every atom of a particular element has the same number of protons
- Element
 - Any substance that cannot be broken down to any other substance by ordinary chemical means

Atomic mass

- Mass or weight?
 - Mass refers to amount of substance
 - Weight refers to force gravity exerts on substance
- Sum of protons and neutrons is the atom's atomic mass
- Each proton and neutron has a mass of approximately 1 Dalton

Electrons

- Negatively charged particles located in orbitals
- Neutral atoms have same number of electrons and protons
- Ions are charged particles unbalanced
 - Cation more protons than electrons = net positive charge
 - Anion fewer protons than electrons = net negative charge

Isotopes

- Atoms of a single element that possess different numbers of neutrons
- Radioactive isotopes are unstable and emit radiation as the nucleus breaks up
 - Half-life time it takes for one-half of the atoms in a sample to decay



Electron arrangement

- Key to the chemical behavior of an atom lies in the number and arrangement of its electrons in their orbitals
- Bohr model electrons in discrete orbits
- Modern physics defines orbital as area around a nucleus where an electron is most likely to be found
- No orbital can contain more than two electrons







Energy levels

- Electrons have potential energy related to their position
 - Electrons farther from nucleus have more energy
- Be careful not to confuse energy levels, which are drawn as rings to indicate an electron's energy, with orbitals, which have a variety of three-dimensional shapes and indicate an electron's most likely location



Nucleus

Redox

- During some chemical reactions, electrons can be transferred from one atom to another
 - Still retain the energy of their position in the atom
 - Oxidation = loss of an electron
 - Reduction = gain of an electron



Elements

- Periodic table displays elements according to valence electrons
- Valence electrons number of electrons in outermost energy level
- Inert (nonreactive) elements have all eight electrons
- Octet rule atoms tend to establish completely full outer energy levels

Periodic Table of the Elements



- 90 naturally occurring elements
- Only 12 elements are found in living organisms in substantial amounts
- Four elements make up 96.3% of human body weight
 - Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen
- Organic molecules contain primarily CHON
- Some trace elements are very important



Chemical Bonds

- Molecules are groups of atoms held together in a stable association
- Compounds are molecules containing more than one type of element
- Atoms are held together in molecules or compounds by chemical bonds

Ionic bonds

- Formed by the attraction of oppositely charged ions
- Gain or loss of electrons forms ions
 - Na atom loses an electron to become Na⁺
 - CI atom gains an electron to become CI-
 - Opposite charges attract so that Na⁺ and Cl⁻ remain associated as an ionic compound
- Electrical attraction of water molecules can disrupt forces holding ions together





Covalent bonds

- Form when atoms share 2 or more valence electrons
- Results in no net charge, satisfies octet rule, no unpaired electrons
- Strength of covalent bond depends on the number of shared electrons
- Many biological compounds are composed of more than 2 atoms – may share electrons with 2 or more atoms



Electronegativity

- Atom's affinity for electrons
- Differences in electronegativity dictate how electrons are distributed in covalent bonds
 - Nonpolar covalent bonds = equal sharing of electrons
 - Polar covalent bonds = unequal sharing of electrons

Chemical reactions

- Chemical reactions involve the formation or breaking of chemical bonds
- Atoms shift from one molecule to another without any change in number or identity of atoms
- Reactants = original molecules
- Products = molecules resulting from reaction

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 6H_2O \ + \ 6CO_2 & \longrightarrow & C_6H_{12}O_6 \ + \ 6O_2 \\ \mbox{reactants} & \mbox{products} \end{array}$$

- Extent of chemical reaction influenced by
 - 1. Temperature
 - 2. Concentration of reactants and products
 - 3. Catalysts
- Many reactions are reversible



Water

- Life is inextricably tied to water
- Single most outstanding chemical property of water is its ability to form hydrogen bonds
 - Weak chemical associations that form between the partially negative O atoms and the partially positive H atoms of two water molecules



Polarity of water

- Within a water molecule, the bonds between oxygen and hydrogen are highly polar
 - Oxygen is much more electronegative than Hydrogen
- Partial electrical charges develop
 - Oxygen is partially negative $\delta^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$
 - Hydrogen is partially positive δ^{-}





a.

b.

С.



Hydrogen bonds

- Cohesion polarity of water allows water molecules to be attracted to one another
- Attraction produces hydrogen bonds
- Each individual bond is weak and transitory
- Cumulative effects are enormous
- Responsible for many of water's important physical properties







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- Cohesion water molecules stick to other water molecules by hydrogen bonding
- Adhesion water molecules stick to other polar molecules by hydrogen bonding

Properties of water

- 1. Water has a high specific heat
 - A large amount of energy is required to change the temperature of water
- 2. Water has a high heat of vaporization
 - The evaporation of water from a surface causes cooling of that surface
- 3. Solid water is less dense than liquid water
 - Bodies of water freeze from the top down



- 4. Water is a good solvent
 - Water dissolves polar molecules and ions
- 5. Water organizes nonpolar molecules
 - Hydrophilic "water-loving"
 - Hydrophobic "water-fearing"
 - Water causes hydrophobic molecules to aggregate or assume specific shapes
- 6. Water can form ions
 - $H_2O \rightarrow OH^- + H^+$

hydroxide ion

hydrogen ion

Acids and bases

- Pure water
 - [H⁺] of 10⁻⁷ mol/L
 - Considered to be neutral
 - Neither acidic nor basic
- pH is the negative logarithm of hydrogen ion concentration of solution

Acids and Bases - pH

- Acid
 - Any substance that dissociates in water to increase the [H⁺] (and lower the pH)
 - The stronger an acid is, the more hydrogen ions it produces and the lower its pH
- Base
 - Substance that combines with H⁺ dissolved in water, and thus lowers the [H⁺]



Buffers

- Substance that resists changes in pH
- Act by
 - Releasing hydrogen ions when a base is added
 - Absorbing hydrogen ions when acid is added
- Overall effect of keeping [H+] relatively constant



 Most biological buffers consist of a pair of molecules, one an acid and one a base

