

Chapter 19: Molecules and Compounds

Section 19.3

Comparing Molecules

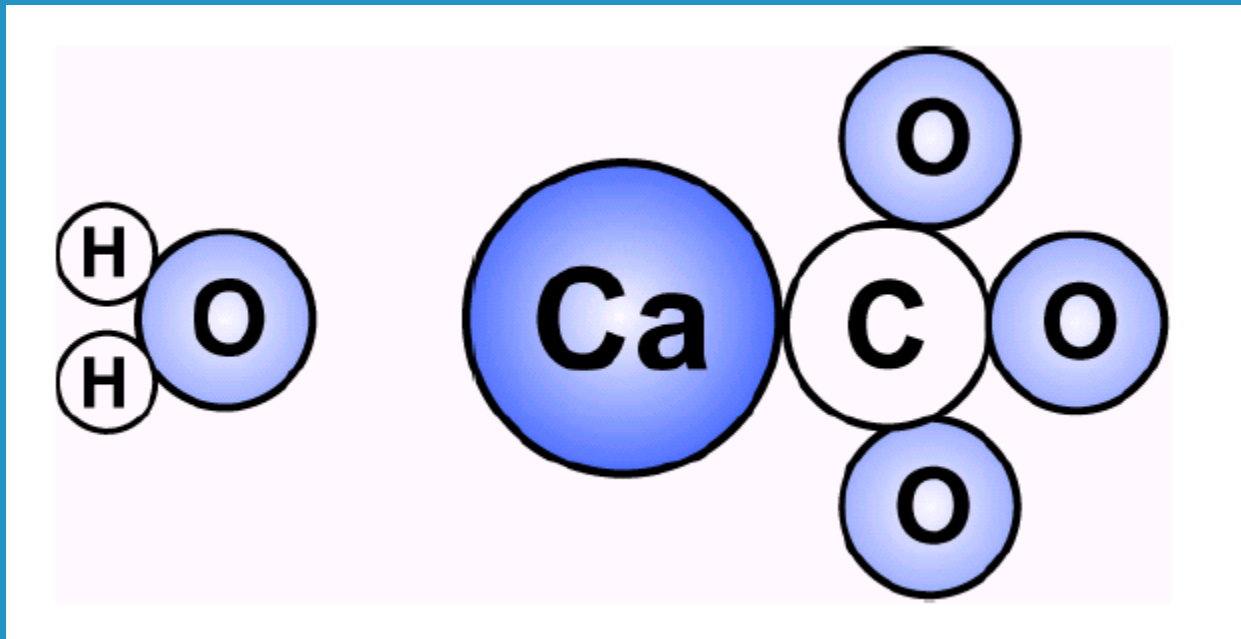




COMPARING DIFFERENT MOLECULES

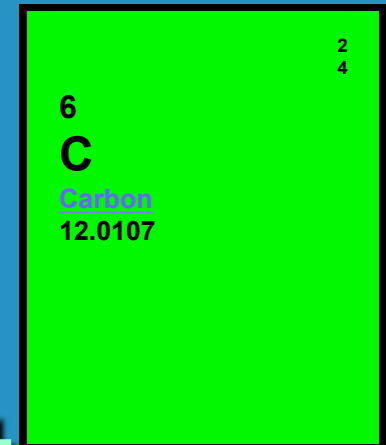
- How does the mass of different molecules compare?

Do you think that a molecule of water has the same mass as a molecule of calcium carbonate?



Recall atomic mass units (amu)...

- Atoms are assigned a relative mass based on carbon as the standard.
- Known as atomic mass unit



A periodic table entry for Carbon, displayed in a red box. The entry includes the atomic number 6, the element symbol C, the name Carbon, and the atomic mass 12.0107. The number 2 is in the top right corner and 4 is in the bottom right corner of the box.

6	2
C	4
Carbon	
12.0107	

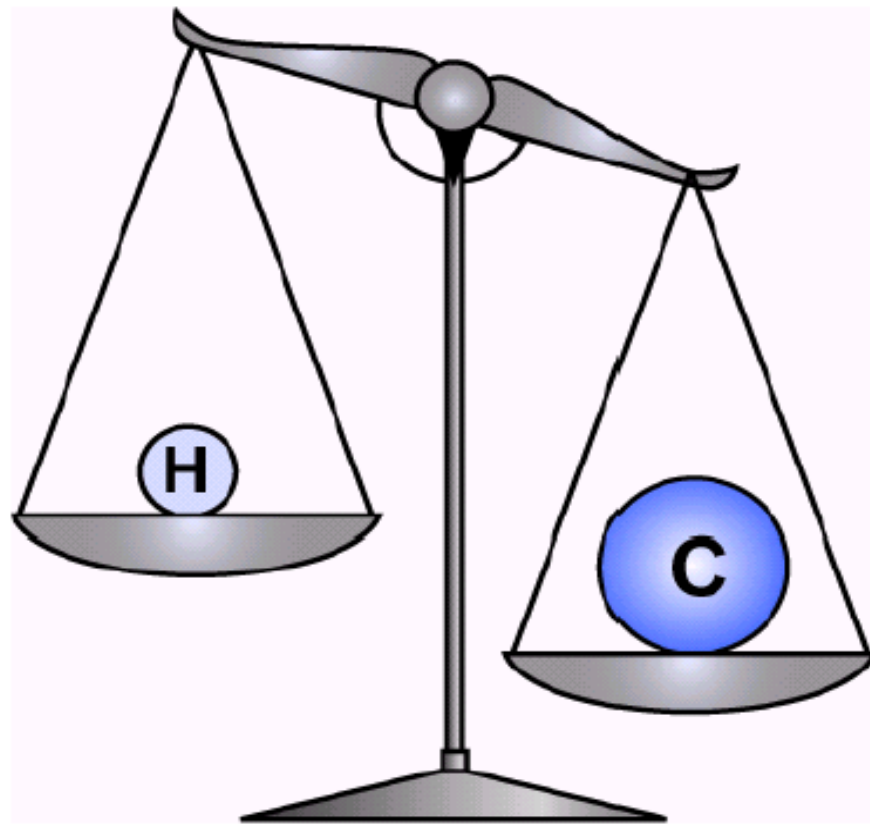


Figure 19.28: *One hydrogen atom is 1/12th the mass of one carbon atom.*

Chemical formula gives 3 pieces of info:


- types / numbers of atoms.**
- if polyatomic ions are present.**
- allows calculation of mass of 1 molecule of a compound relative to mass of other compounds.**

Formula Mass

- Way to compare masses of molecules of different compounds.
- Calculate by adding up atomic masses of all atoms in a compound.

Example: Figuring Formula Mass

- H_2O means 2H and 1O
- $2 (1.01 \text{ amu}) = 2.02$
 $+1 (16.00 \text{ amu}) = \underline{16.00}$
- **Formula mass = 18.02
amu of H_2O**



An amu is very small,
so to be usable in
measurements, we
equate the number
value of the formula
mass in amu to an
equal amount in grams.

Avogadro's Number

- The formula mass in grams of any element or compound contains 6.02×10^{23} atoms or molecules.
- Known as Avogadro's # or a "mole" of the substance.

Calculate the formula mass of calcium carbonate.

1. Write formula

calcium: Ca^{2+}

carbonate: CO_3^{2-}

chemical formula: CaCO_3

2. List number of atoms and atomic

mass of each: CaCO_3

- $1 \text{ Ca} = 1(40.08) = 40.08$

- $1 \text{ C} = 1(12.01) = 12.01$

- $3 \text{ O} = 3(16.00) = 48.00$

3. Add up values to calculate formula mass

- $$\begin{array}{r} 40.08 \\ 12.01 \\ + \underline{48.00} \\ 100.09 \text{ amu} \end{array}$$


for CaCO_3

So, how do we use this value?

- If you measure out 100.09 grams of CaCO_3 , you have 6.02×10^{23} molecules of CaCO_3 .
- Likewise, 18.02 g of H_2O contains 6.02×10^{23} molecules of water.

Hydrates ($\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$)

- Some molecules contain precise numbers of H_2O molecules chemically bonded to their ions.
- Called hydrates.
- Can remove H_2O by heating.



When H_2O is gone, the compound is known as anhydrous (BaCl_2).

- To calculate formula mass, simply add the mass of the attached H_2O molecules to that of the anhydrous mass.

Example: $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

- $1 \text{ Ba} = 1(137.30) = 137.30$

- $2 \text{ Cl} = 2(35.45) = 70.90$

- $4 \text{ H} = 4(1.01) = 4.04$

- $2 \text{ O} = 2(16.00) = \underline{32.00}$

Formula mass = 244.24 amu