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About the cover: The cover image is a part of a computer-generated molecular model of an enzyme regulator (aspartate carbamoyltransferase). Models such as these help scientists understand how biomolecules such as enzymes control the processes of life—in this case, the biosynthesis of pyrimidine. Molecular representations and graphics in general have transformed the way that chemists do research and are an essential part of learning chemistry and developing insight into the nature and properties of matter. (Francis Leroy/Biocosmos/SPL Photo Researchers.)

PREFACE

ATOMS-FIRST ORGANIZATION

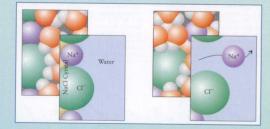
The unique atoms-first sequence of *Chemical Principles* develops student understanding of the concepts of chemistry by starting with the behavior of atoms and molecules and building to more complex properties and interactions:

- Atoms and molecules come first (including discussions of quantum mechanics and molecular orbitals), providing the foundation for understanding bulk properties and models of gases, liquids, and solids.
- Next comes an exploration of thermodynamics and equilibrium based on conceptual understanding of free energy and entropy. This integrated presentation lays a common foundation for these concepts and provides a basis for the form of the equilibrium constant.
- Kinetics then shows the dynamic nature of chemistry and the crucial role of insight and model building in identifying reaction mechanisms.
- A section on **fundamentals**, streamlined and updated in this new edition, precedes Chapter 1 for a flexible overview of the basics.

VISUALIZATION

Conceived and executed by the authors, the art in *Chemical Principles* is designed to help students make the connections between what chemists imagine and what they perceive, between chemical models and laboratory observations. More than 15 percent of the art in the second edition is new.

- Connections between the microscopic and macroscopic. Many illustrations are paired with photographs or drawings of chemical systems, starting with the molecular model superimposed on each chapter's opening photograph. The combination of representations, from macroscopic to microscopic, abstract to concrete, and graphical to pictorial, helps students bridge the gap between the imagined and the perceived.
- Realistic images show molecular dynamics. Multistep graphics show how molecules and ions move and interact, highlighting the sense of motion so critical to chemical understanding. Most of these sequences are further illustrated by actual animations available on the Web site.



CONTEMPORARY CHEMISTRY

• Emphasis on thinking like a chemist. Throughout the book, *Chemical Principles* shows students how chemists propose models based on insight, develop those models with mathematics, and refine them through experimentation. This approach is used to help students

MAJOR TECHNIQUE 2 ULTRAVIOLET AND VISIBLE SPECTROSCOPY

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his is the Bohr frequency condition, which was accountered in Section 1.6; h is the Planck const;

typical absorption spectrum, that of chlorophyll, is shown in Fig. 1. Note that chlorophyll absorbs red and blue light, leaving the green light present in white light to be reflected. That is why most vegetation looks green. The spectrum can help us to assess the absorption energy-capturing power of the molecule



The transition can be brought into the visible region— by decreasing the separation between bonding and antibonding orbitals—if the molecule has a chain of alternating single and double bonds. Such "conjugated" double bonding occurs in the compound carotene

for the color of carries, mangoes, and persimmons. Related compounds account for the colors of shrimps and the colors of shrimps are colors. The colors of shrimps are colors of the primary act of vision, as explained in Section 3.8. Another important chromophore is the carbonyl group, >C=O, which absorbs at about 280 mm. The transition responsible for the absorption is the excitation of a lone-pair electron on the oxygen atom (a "nonbonding" electron, denored in into the empty antibonding m"-orbital of the C=O double bond [Fig. 3]. This transition is therefore called an n-to-m" (in to p it star) transition is therefore called an n-to-m" (in to p it star) transition. A denote in the color of many f-ental complexes (see Chapter 16). Two types of transitions may be involved. In one, which it called a drod transition, an electron is excited from a d-orbital of transition, and colors are shorted from a d-orbital of needs to the colors of the col excitation, so colors are absorbed from white light and the sample takes on colors complementary to those observed (Fig. 4). A second type of transition is called a charge-transfer transition, in which electrons migrate from the atoms attached to the central metal atom into the latter's d-orbitals, or vice versa. This transfer of charace can result in very intense absorption; it is

THE IMPACT ON MATERIALS

Metals are the mainstays of technology, and it is hardly surprising that so much effort has gone into the development and understanding of their properties. We dealt with their electrical properties in Section 3.14. Here we explore some of their other physical properties

5.14 The Properties of Metals

In a metallic solid, cations lie in a regular array and are surrounded by a sea of electrons. This structure results in unique properties. The characteristic luster of metals is due to the mobility of their electrons (Section 3.14). An incident light wave is an oscillating electromagnetic field. When it strikes the surface, the electric field of the radiation pushes the mobile electrons backward and forward. These oscillating electrons radiate light and we see it as a luster-essentially a reflection of the incident light

understand key concepts and also to expand students' ideas of how to apply these concepts to modern research.

- Major Techniques interchapters introduce students to important experimental methods, connecting the classroom, the laboratory, and the world.
- New and updated Impact on Materials and Impact on Biology sections explore the burgeoning fields of materials chemistry and biological chemistry while reinforcing chemical principles. These sections introduce students to new fields and innovations.
 - Frontiers of Chemistry boxed essays explore modern chemical research and communicate the excitement of working at the cutting edge of chemistry. Each Frontiers of Chemistry box asks students, "How Might You Contribute?"—challenging them to lead the way in solving global problems by using their understanding of chemistry.

BOX 3.1 FRONTIERS OF CHEMISTRY: DRUGS BY DESIGN AND DISCOVERY

The search for new drugs relies on the skills of synthetic organic chemists. Because there are so many millions of compounds, it would take too long to start with the elements, combine them in different ways, then test them Instead, chemists usually start either by drug dis instead, chemists usually start either by drug discovery, the identification and possibly the modification of promising medicines that already exist, or by rational drug design, the identification of characteristics of a target bacterium or parasite and the design of new com-pounds to react with it.

pounds to react with it.

In drug discovery, a chemist usually begins by investigating compounds that have already shown medicinal value. A fruitful path is to find a natural product, a substance found in nature, that has been shown to have healing characteristics. Nature is the best of all synthetic chemists, with billions of chemicals that fulfill as many chemists, with offinons or chemicals that futili as many different needs. The challenge is to find compounds that have curative powers. These substances are found in different ways: random or "blind" collection of samples that are then tested or collection of specific samples identified by native healers as medically effective

Observation of the properties of plants and animals can help to guide a random search. For example, if certain types of fruits remain fresh while others rot or become moldy, we might expect them to contain anti-fungal agents. One example of this type of collection is the gathering of tunicates and sponges in the Caribbean. The chemists harvest the samples by diving from research vessels (see Fig. F.1). The samples are tested ratory on the ship. The antiviral drug didemnin-C and



rainforest. The plant produces chemi-investigated for their medicinal value

the anticancer drug bryostatin 1 were discovered in

ples because the chemist works with a native healer, the ancient lore guiding the modern chemistry. Often an ethnobotanist, a specialist in plants used for native healing, joins the team. This approach saves time for the scien-tists and can provide an economic benefit for the healers and their nations as well. Drugs that have been discoered in this way include a variety of antican malarial drugs, blood-clotting agents, antibiotics, and medicines for the heart and digestive system.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Students at all levels benefit from the support of strong pedagogy. These proven strategies that build student confidence in their mastery of the concepts have been improved and enhanced.

"Bottom line" statements summarize the key ideas in each section.

6 Shared electron pair

the polyatomic species P4 and S8. Elements near the border between metals and nonmetals can form solids with an extended network of atoms, such as crystalline silicon and the graphite or diamond forms of carbon. Covalent bonding is also important in the formation of compounds. There are also countless examples of diatomic, polyatomic, and extended network compounds between different nonmetallic elements, including the millions of organic compounds.

Lewis thought of the shared pair of electrons as lying between the

two atoms and interacting with both their nuclei (6). The two atoms are bound together as a result of the coulombic attraction between the two electrons and the nuclei. Neither atom has to release an electron totally, so neither atom has to be supplied with its full ionization energy.

Nonmetallic elements form covalent bonds to one another by shar-

EXAMPLE 4.1 Using Boyle's law

Assume that when you press in the piston of a bicycle pump, the volume inside the pump is decreased from about 100 cm³ to 20 cm³ before the compressed air flows into the tire. Suppose that the compression is isothermal, estimate the final pressure of the compressed air in the pump, isothermal; estimate the final pressure given an initial pressure of 1.00 atm.

STRATEGY In calculations of this kind, it is a good idea to summarize in table the data supplied and the information required. We expect the final pressure, P_2 , to be higher than the initial pressure, P_3 , because the volume occupied by the air has been decreased. Because the product of pressure and volume is a constant, we can use Eq. 4 to write

$$P_2V_2 = P_1V_1$$
 or $\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{V_1}{V_2}$

where V_1 is the initial volume and V_2 is the final volume. We then rearrange this expression into one for P_2 in terms of P_1 and the ratio of volumes, and substitute the data.

SOLUTION The information given and required is summarized in the fol-

| | Pressure, P | Volume, V | Temperature, T | Amount, n |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. Initial | 1.00 atm | 100 cm ³ | same | same |
| Final | 2 | 20 cm ³ | same | same |

- Worked Examples include Strategy sections that show students how to organize information and solve problems.
- The new edition also introduces the "How can we use this information . . . ?" feature. These brief demonstrations of mathematical formulae and concepts immediately follow and reinforce new material.

Wien's law can be used to determine the surface temperature of sta which can be treated as hot black bodies. For example, the maxim intensity of solar radiation occurs at 490 nm, so the surface tempe

$$T = \frac{c_2}{5\lambda_{\text{max}}} = \frac{1.44 \times 10^{-2} \text{ K} \cdot \text{m}}{5 \times 4.90 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}} = 5.88 \times 10^3 \text{ K}$$

Self-Test 1.2A In 1965, it was discovered that the universe is pervaded by electromagnetic radiation with a maximum at 1.05 mm (in the microwave region). What is the temperature of "empty" space?

[Answer: 2.74 K]

Self-Test 1.2B A red giant is a dying star. The average wavelength maximum at 700 nm shows that a red giant cools as it dies. What is the surface temperature of a red giant?

Toolboxes show students how to tackle major types of calculations. They are designed as learning aids and handy summaries of key material. In the new edition, each Toolbox now begins with explicit statements of that Toolbox's conceptual basis and procedure. Each Toolbox is immediately followed by a related example or sample calculation.

> Self-Test 1.15A Arrange each pair of ions, (a) Mg2+ and Al3+, and (b) O2and S²⁻, in order of increasing ionic radius. [Answer: (a) $r(Al^{3+}) < r(Mg^{2+})$; (b) $r(O^{2-}) < r(S^{2-})$]

Self-Test 1.15B Arrange each pair of ions, (a) Ca2+ and K+, and (b) S2-

- Self-Tests. All worked examples and "How can we use this information . . . ?" features end with paired self-tests, one answered immediately, the other with a mini-solution in the back of the book.
- Exercises. Kenton Whitmire of Rice University has enriched the exercises with additional questions at all levels of difficulty, including questions that require students to use the media on the Web site for this book.

CHAPTER 2 CHEMICAL BONDS

TOOLBOX 2.1 How to write the Lewis structure of a polyatomic species

Conceptual Basis

to complete the octets (or duplets).

We take the following steps, which are illustrated for

Step 1 Count the number of valence electrons on each atom. Divide the total number of valence electrons in the molecule by 2 to obtain the number

of electron pairs.

Step 2 Predict the most likely arrangements of atoms by using common patterns and the clues indicated in the text, then write the chemical symbols of the atoms to show their layout in the

Step 3 Place one electron pair between each pair Step 4 Complete the octet (or duplet, in the case of H) of each atom by placing any remaining electron pairs around the atoms. If there are not enough electron pairs, form multiple bonds.

Step 5 Represent each bonded electron pair by a

To check on the validity of a Lewis structure, verify



EXAMPLE 2.3 Writing the Lewis structure of a molecule or an ion

Write the Lewis structures of (a) water, H_2O ; (b) methanal, H_2CO ; and (c) the chlorite ion, CIO_2^- . STRATEGY We can write the Lewis structures of molecules and ions by fol-Of the central state of the Lewis structures of molecules and ions by following the steps in Toolbox 2.1 and remembering to adjust the number of electrons for ions. Therefore, we add one electron for the negative charge of ClO₂. Find the central atoms by inspecting formulas. In methanal, the central atom must be C, because it has a central position and the H atoms can each form only one bond.

| | (a) H ₂ O | (b) H ₂ CO | (c) CIO, | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|
| 1 Number of valence electrons | 8 | 12 | 20 | |
| Number of electron pairs | 4 | 6 | 10 | |
| 2 Layout of structure | нон | H C O H | 0 01 0 | |

2.101 Quinone, $C_6H_4O_2$, is an organic molecule that can be reduced to give a dianion: $[C_6H_4O_2]^{2-}$. (a) Draw the Lewis structure of the reduced product. (b) On the basis of formal charges derived from the Lewis structure, predict which atoms in the molecula are most negatively charged. (c) If two protons are added to the reduced product, where are they most

2.102 In air, the NO radical can react with the ${\rm NO}_2$ radical. What is the most likely product of the reaction? Answer this question by drawing Lewis structures of the reactants and products

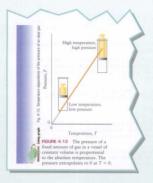
different types of hydrogen atoms will be found in the following molecules: (a) C_2H_3 ; (b) C_3H_4 ; (c) C_3H_5 ; (d) C_4H_4 ; (d) C_4C_4 ; (e) C_4C_4 ; (e) C_4C_4 ; (he hydrogen atoms could all be different; yet by a variety of experimental techniques, only two types of hydrogen atoms are found. Propose an explanation.

2.106 Predict which bond will absorb light of shorter wavelength and explain why: C—H or C—Cl'. Refer to Major Technique 1 on infrared spectroscopy, which follows these exercises.

2.107 Infrared spectra show absorption due to C-H bond stretching at 3.38 μ m for a methyl ($-\text{CH}_3$) group and at 3.1 μ m for an alkyne (-C=C-H) group. Which C-H bond is stiffer (has the larger force constant k), assuming that the vibrating atoms have the same effective mass? Refer to Major Technique 1 on infrared spectroscopy, which follows these exercises.

2.108 Vibrational spectra are often so complicated that assignment of a particular absorption to a given be is difficult. One way to confirm that an assignmen

INTEGRATED WITH MEDIA LINKS TO .



Living Graphs. Selected graphs in the text are available on the Web site. Students can manipulate parameters and explore the consequences.

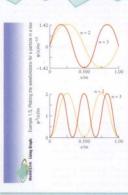


Lab Videos. Video clips of many of the reactions described in the book are provided on the book's Web site.



Animations. Selected art in the text is supported by media. Students can view motion, three dimensional images, atomic and molecular interactions and learn to visualize like chemists—at a microscopic level.

Tools. Tools on the book's Web site allow the study of chemical calculations, graphing, and the exploration of periodic properties from different points of view.



MEDIA EXAMPLE 1.5 Plotting the wavefunctions fo in a box

(a) Using the Living Graphs on the Web site for this box (a) Using the Living Graphs on the web site for this bot cle-in-a-box wavefunction for n = 2 and L = 1 m. (b) I does the wavefunction have? Where do these nodes c parts (a) and (b) for n = 3. (d) What general conclusiparts (a) and (b) (b) (n-3), (a) what general conclusions about the relation between n and the number of nodes p function? (e) Convert the n=2 plot to a probability detail what values of x is it most likely to find the particle? (for n=3).

STRATEGY The wavefunctions for a particle in a box ar Use the Living Graph "Particle-in-a-Box Wavefunctions for this book to plot them. (a) To graph the wavefu parameters L=1 m and n=2, set the range for the ent 1 m), check the f(x) box, and hit New Plot. (b) The where the curve passes through 0. To find the value of r on the plot at that point. (c) Create a new plot as befor (d) Look for the patterns in node number and n. (e) Rep box checked and look for the maxima in the pre (f) Repeat part (e) for n=3.

SOLUTION The plots are shown on the left. (b) The plot is node at x=0.50 m. (c) The plot for n=3 has two node 0.67 m. (d) The n. where of nodes is equal to n=1. (c)

- End-of-Chapter Exercises. Selected exercises direct students to use media to solve problems.

- In-Chapter Examples. Designed to encourage students to use the media, these examples show students how to use the tools and art provided on the book's Web site.
 - 4.73 Calculate the root mean square speeds of (a) methane; (b) ethane; and (c) propane molecules, all at -20°C.
 - 4.74 Calculate the root mean square speed of (a) fluorine gas; (b) chlorine gas; and (c) bromine gas molecules, all at 350°C.
 - 4.75 Consider the Maxwell distribution of speeds found in Fig. 4.28. (a) From the graph, find the location that represents the most probable speed of the molecules. (b) What happens to the percentage of molecules having the most probable speed as the

4.76 (a) Using the Living Graphs program on the Web site for this text, create and print a plot of the Maxwell distribution of molecular speeds for the noble gases He, Ne, Ar, Xe, and Kr from s = 0 to 2000 m·s⁻¹. (b) Describe the trends observed in the graph in part (a). (c) Again using the Living Graphs program, create graphs for He and for Kr at 100 K and at 300 K. (d) Describe the trends observed

- effect on the real pressure of CO2, the intermolecular attractions or the molar volume? (c) If we consider to be ideal those gases for which the observed pressure differs by no more than 5% from the ideal value, at what pressure does CO2 become a "real" gas?
- 4.82 Calculate the pressure exerted by 1.00 mol 4.82 Calculate the pressure exerted by 1.00 mol $C_2H_6(g)$ behaving as (a) an ideal gas; (b) a van der Waals gas when it is confined under the following conditions: (1) at 273.15 K in 22.414 L; (2) at 1.00×10^3 K in 0.100 L.

of (a) an ideal gas; (b) ammonia; (c) oxygen gas, for the range V = 0.05 L to 1.0 L at 298 K. Use a spreadsheet or the graphical plotter on the Web site for this book. Compare the plots and explain the origin of any differences you find.

of (a) an ideal gas; (b) carbon dioxide, (c) ammonia; (d) benzene for the range V = 0.1 L to 1.0 L at 298 K. Use the van der Waals

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Chemical Principles Web site at www.whfreeman.com/chemicalprinciples

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"Living Graphs," which allow the user to control the parameters

- Graphing tools
- Question and Answer—self-scoring quizzes for every chapter and for the Fundamentals provide instant feedback and help students review their knowledge of chemistry.
- Web links that keep students up to date in the world of chemistry
- A calculator adapted for solving equilibrium calculations
- An interactive periodic table of the elements

In addition, all the illustrations and tables from the textbook are available for the instructor in a downloadable format.

Bridging to the Lab (BTL)

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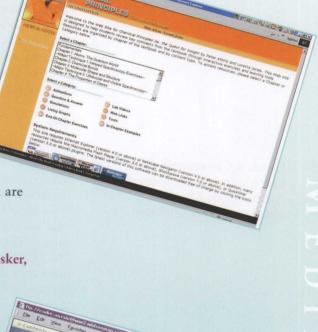
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Assessment

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For the Instructor

Instructor's Resource Manual, Kenton H. Whitmire, Rice University, and Charles Trapp, University of Louisville, 0-7167-4432-5 This useful manual contains worked-out solutions and answers to the even-numbered exercises in the textbook.

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elcome to chemistry! You are about to embark on an extraordinary voyage, during which you will acquire new insights into the world around you. You will stand in the center of science. Looking in one direction, toward physics, you will see how the principles of chemistry are based on the behavior of atoms and molecules. Looking in another direction, toward biology, you will see how chemists contribute to an understanding of that most awesome property of matter, life. You will be able to look at an everyday object, see in your mind's eye its composition in terms of atoms, and understand its properties. Chemistry gives us the tools to become magicians with matter and to make forms of matter that have never existed before and perhaps do not exist anywhere else in the universe.

INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION

Chemistry is the science of matter and the changes it can undergo. The world of chemistry therefore embraces everything material around us—the stones we stand on, the food we eat, the flesh we are made of, and the silicon we build into computers. There is nothing material beyond the reach of chemistry, be it living or dead, vegetable or mineral, on Earth or in a distant star.

Chemistry and Society

We have only to look around us to appreciate the impact of chemistry on technology and society. In the earliest days of civilization, when the Stone Age gave way to the Bronze Age and then to the Iron Age, people did not realize that they were doing chemistry. But they were. They were changing the material they found as stones—we would now call them *minerals*—into metals (Fig. 1). The possession of metals gave them a new



FIGURE 1 Copper is easily extracted from its ores and was one of the first metals worked. The Bronze Age began following the discovery that adding some tin to copper made the metal harder and stronger. These four bronze swords date from 1250–850 BCE, the Late Bronze Age, and are from a collection in the Naturhistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria. From bottom to top, they are a short sword, an antenna-type sword, a tongue-shaped sword, and a Liptau-type sword.

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FIGURE 2 Cold weather triggers a reduction of the amount of the green chlorophyll in leaves, allowing the colors of various other pigments to show.



FIGURE 3 When magnesium burns in air, it gives off a lot of heat and light. The gray-white powdery product looks like smoke.

power over their environment, and treacherous nature became less brutal. The trappings of civilization emerged as skills in transforming materials grew: glass, jewels, coins, ceramics, and, inevitably, weapons became more varied and effective. Art, agriculture, and warfare became more sophisticated. None of this would have happened without chemistry.

The development of steel accelerated the profound impact of chemistry on society. Better steel led to the Industrial Revolution, when muscles gave way to steam and giant enterprises could be contemplated. With improved transport and greater output from factories came more extensive trade, and the world became simultaneously a smaller but busier place. None of this would have happened without chemistry.

With the twentieth century came enormous progress in the development of the chemical industry. Chemistry transformed agriculture. Synthetic fertilizers provided the means of feeding the enormous, growing population of the world. Chemistry transformed communication and transportation. It provided advanced materials, such as polymers for fabrics, ultrapure silicon for computers, and glass for optical fibers; it developed more efficient and renewable fuels. It gave us the tough, light alloys that are needed for modern aircraft and space travel. Chemistry transformed medicine, substantially extended life expectancy, and provided the foundations of genetic engineering. None of this would have happened without chemistry.

We have to admit, though, that the price of all these benefits has been high. The rapid growth of industry and agriculture, for instance, has stressed the Earth and damaged our inheritance. Now, at the dawn of the twenty-first century, there is a rising concern about the preservation of our extraordinary planet. It will be up to you and your contemporaries to draw on chemistry—in whatever career you choose—to build on what has already been achieved. Perhaps you will help to start a new phase of civilization based on new materials, just as semiconductors transformed society during the twentieth century. Perhaps you will help to do so in a way that reduces the harshness of the impact of progress on our environment. To do that, you will need chemistry.

Chemistry: A Science at Two Levels

Chemistry operates on two levels. At one level, chemistry is about matter and its transformations. At this level, we can actually see the changes, as when a fuel burns, a leaf changes color in the fall (Fig. 2), or magnesium burns brightly in air (Fig. 3). This level is the macroscopic level, the level dealing with the properties of large, visible objects. However, there is an underworld of change, a world that we cannot see directly. At this deeper microscopic level, chemistry interprets these phenomena in terms of the rearrangements of atoms (Fig. 4).

The symbolic language of chemistry, the expression of chemical phenomena in terms of chemical symbols and mathematical equations, ties the two levels together. Chemical equations describe observations at the macroscopic level in a way that can be interpreted in terms of events at the microscopic level. It has been said that a chemist thinks at the microscopic level, conducts experiments at the macroscopic level, and represents both symbolically. Success in chemistry depends on our ability to move

video: Fig, 3, Reaction of magnesium and oxygen

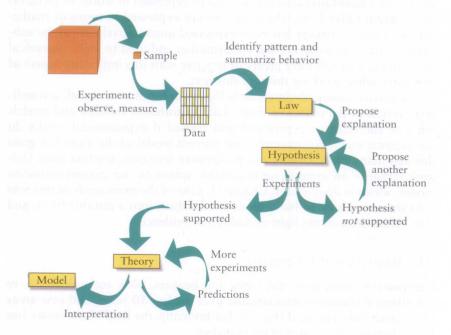
FIGURE 4 When a chemical reaction takes place, atoms exchange partners. As a result, two forms of matter (left inset) are changed into another form of matter (right inset). Atoms are neither created nor destroyed in chemical reactions.

between these levels and relate them symbolically. To foster communication between scientists, international standards have been developed. For example, measurements from around the world are reported in *Système International* units (SI units); these units are described in Appendix 1B.

How Science Is Done

Science pursues ideas in an ill-defined but effective way called the scientific method. The scientific method takes many forms. There is no strict rule of procedure that leads you from a good idea to a Nobel prize, or even a publishable discovery. Some scientists are meticulously careful, others are highly creative. The best scientists are probably both creative and careful. Although there are various scientific methods in use, a typical approach consists of a series of steps (Fig. 5). The first step is to collect data by making observations and measurements. These measurements are usually made on small samples of matter, representative pieces of the material we want to study.

Scientists are always on the lookout for patterns. When a pattern is observed in the data, it can be stated as a scientific law, a succinct summary of a wide range of observations. For example, one of the earliest laws of chemistry was the "law of constant composition," which states that a compound has the same composition regardless of the source of the sample. Thus, a sample of water has twice as many hydrogen atoms as oxygen atoms, regardless of where the sample is collected.



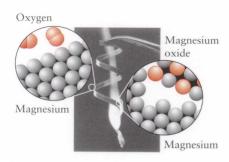


FIGURE 5 A summary of the principal activities that constitute the scientific method. At each stage, the crucial activity is experiment and its comparison with prevailing views.

The postulates of Dalton's atomic hypothesis are described in Section B.

In 1996, the Nobel prize in chemistry was awarded to R. F. Curl, R. E. Smalley, and H. W. Kroto for their discovery of C_{60} molecules.



View an animated structure of a buckminsterfullerene molecule.





FIGURE 6 Buckminsterfullerene, C_{60} , consists of 60 carbon atoms arranged in five- and six-membered rings. The structure on the left is a line structure that shows only the bonds between the atoms. That on the right shows how the atoms occupy space.

Not all observations are summarized by laws. There are many properties of matter (such as superconductivity, the ability of a few cold solids to conduct electricity without any resistance) that are currently at the forefront of research but are not described by grand "laws" that embrace hundreds of different compounds. Formulating a law is just one way, not the only way, of summarizing data.

Once they have detected patterns, scientists develop hypotheses, possible explanations of the laws—or the observations—in terms of more fundamental concepts. Observation requires careful attention to detail, but the development of a hypothesis requires insight, imagination, and creativity. In 1807, John Dalton interpreted experimental results to propose the hypothesis that matter consists of atoms. Although Dalton could not see individual atoms, he was able to imagine them and formulate his atomic hypothesis. Dalton's hypothesis was a monumental insight that helped others understand the world in a new way. The process of scientific discovery never stops. In 1985, chemists found molecules composed of 60 carbon atoms in soot produced when graphite was struck by a laser beam; their hypothesis that these molecules were shaped like soccer balls generated great excitement (Fig. 6). The hypothesis—since confirmed—that buckminsterfullerene has a certain structure is not on the grand scale of Dalton's discovery, but it might nevertheless have a profound impact on the future of chemistry. With luck and application, you may acquire that kind of insight as you read through this text, and one day you may make your own extraordinary hypotheses.

After formulating a hypothesis, scientists design further experiments, carefully controlled tests, to verify their hypothesis. Experiments often require ingenuity and sometimes good luck. If the results of repeated experiments support the hypothesis, scientists may go on to formulate a theory, a formal explanation of a law. Quite often, and particularly in the physical sciences, of which chemistry is a part, the theory is expressed mathematically. An enormously powerful procedure in science is the conversion of a qualitative concept (a concept expressed in words or pictures) into a quantitative form (the same concept expressed in terms of mathematics). Once a concept has been expressed quantitatively, it can be subjected to rigorous experimental confirmation and used to make numerical predictions. You will have plenty of practice with this important aspect of chemistry while working through this text.

Scientists commonly interpret a theory in terms of a model, a simplified version of the object of study. Like hypotheses, theories and models must be subjected to experiment and revised if experimental results do not support them. For example, our current model of the atom has gone through many formulations and progressive revisions, starting from Dalton's vision of an atom as an uncuttable sphere to our current elaborate model, which is described in Chapter 1. One of the main goals of this text is to show you how to build models, turn them into a testable form, and then refine them in the light of additional evidence.

The Branches of Chemistry

Chemistry is more than test tubes and beakers. New technologies have transformed chemistry dramatically over the last 50 years, and new areas of research have emerged (Fig. 7). Traditionally, the field of chemistry has been organized into three main branches:

Fig. 6, Bucky ball

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