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Table I Elements and Atomic Weights, Based on Carbon-12 = 12.000

	SYMBOL	ATOMIC NO.	ATOMIC WEIGHT		SYMBOL	ATOMIC NO.	ATOMIC WEIGHT
Actinium	Ac	89		Mercury	Hg	80	200.59
Aluminum	Al	13	26.9815	Molybdenum	Mo	42	95.94
Americium	Am	95		Neodymium	Nd	60	144.24
Antimony	Sb	51	121.75	Neon	Ne	10	20.183
Argon	Ar	18	39.948	Neptunium	Np	93	
Arsenic	As	33	74.9216	Nickel	Ni	28	58.71
Astatine	At	85		Niobium	Nb	41	92.906
Barium	Ba	56	137.34	Nitrogen	N	7	14.0067
Berkelium	Bk	97		Nobelium	No	102	
Beryllium	Be	4	9.0122	Osmium	Os	76	190.2
Bismuth	Bi	83	208.980	Oxygen	O	8	15.9994 ^a
Boron	B	5	10.811 ^a	Palladium	Pd	46	106.4
Bromine	Br	35	79.909 ^b	Phosphorus	P	15	30.9738
Cadmium	Cd	48	112.40	Platinum	Pt	78	195.09
Calcium	Ca	20	40.08	Plutonium	Pu	94	
Californium	Cf	98		Polonium	Po	84	
Carbon	C	6	12.01115 ^a	Potassium	K	19	39.102
Cerium	Ce	58	140.12	Praseodymium	Pr	59	140.907
Cesium	Cs	55	132.905	Promethium	Pm	61	
Chlorine	Cl	17	35.453 ^b	Protactinium	Pa	91	
Chromium	Cr	24	51.996 ^b	Radium	Ra	88	
Cobalt	Co	27	58.9332	Radon	Rn	86	
Copper	Cu	29	63.54	Rhenium	Re	75	186.2
Curium	Cm	96		Rhodium	Rh	45	102.905
Dysprosium	Dy	66	162.50	Rubidium	Rb	37	85.47
Einsteinium	Es	99		Ruthenium	Ru	44	101.07
Erbium	Er	68	167.26	Samarium	Sm	62	150.35
Europium	Eu	63	151.96	Scandium	Sc	21	44.956
Fermium	Fm	100		Selenium	Se	34	78.96
Fluorine	F	9	18.9984	Silicon	Si	14	28.086 ^a
Francium	Fr	87		Silver	Ag	47	107.870 ^b
Gadolinium	Gd	64	157.25	Sodium	Na	11	22.9898
Gallium	Ga	31	69.72	Strontium	Sr	38	87.62
Germanium	Ge	32	72.59	Sulfur	S	16	32.064 ^a
Gold	Au	79	196.967	Tantalum	Ta	73	180.948
Hafnium	Hf	72	178.49	Technetium	Tc	43	
Helium	He	2	4.0026	Tellurium	Te	52	127.60
Holmium	Ho	67	164.930	Terbium	Tb	65	158.924
Hydrogen	H	1	1.00797 ^a	Thallium	Tl	81	204.37
Indium	In	49	114.82	Thorium	Th	90	232.038
Iodine	I	53	126.9044	Thulium	Tm	69	168.934
Iridium	Ir	77	192.2	Tin	Sn	50	118.69
Iron	Fe	26	55.847 ^b	Titanium	Ti	22	47.90
Krypton	Kr	36	83.80	Tungsten	W	74	183.85
Lanthanum	La	57	138.91	Uranium	U	92	238.03
Lawrencium	Lw	103		Vanadium	V	23	50.942
Lead	Pb	82	207.19	Xenon	Xe	54	131.30
Lithium	Li	3	6.939	Ytterbium	Yb	70	173.04
Lutetium	Lu	71	174.97	Yttrium	Y	39	88.905
Magnesium	Mg	12	24.312	Zinc	Zn	30	65.37
Manganese	Mn	25	54.9380	Zirconium	Zr	40	91.22
Mendelevium	Md	101					

^a The atomic weight varies because of natural variations in the isotopic composition of the element. The observed ranges are boron, ± 0.003 ; carbon, ± 0.00005 ; hydrogen, ± 0.00001 ; oxygen, ± 0.0001 ; silicon, ± 0.001 ; sulfur, ± 0.003 .

^b The atomic weight is believed to have an experimental uncertainty of the following magnitude: bromine, ± 0.002 ; chlorine, ± 0.001 ; chromium, ± 0.001 ; iron, ± 0.003 ; silver, ± 0.003 . For other elements the last digit given is believed to be reliable to ± 0.5 .

Table II Mendeleev's Periodic Table Brought Up to Date

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII						
1 H 1.0080							2 He 4.0026						
3 Li 6.939	4 Be 9.0122	5 B 10.811	6 C 12.011	7 N 14.007	8 O 15.999	9 F 18.998	10 Ne 20.183						
11 Na 22.990	12 Mg 24.312	13 Al 26.981	14 Si 28.086	15 P 30.974	16 S 32.064	17 Cl 35.453	18 Ar 39.948						
19 K 39.102	20 Ca 40.08	21 Sc 44.956	22 Ti 47.90	23 V 50.942	24 Cr 51.996	25 Mn 54.938	26 Fe 55.847	27 Co 58.933	28 Ni 58.71				
29 Cu 63.54	30 Zn 65.37	31 Ga 69.72	32 Ge 72.59	33 As 74.922	34 Se 78.96	35 Br 79.909	36 Kr 83.80						
37 Rb 85.47	38 Sr 87.62	39 Yt 88.905	40 Zr 91.22	41 Nb 92.906	42 Mo 95.94	43 Tc ...	44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.905	46 Pd 106.4				
47 Ag 107.870	48 Cd 112.40	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.69	51 Sb 121.75	52 Te 127.60	53 I 126.904	54 Xe 131.30						
55 Cs 132.905	56 Ba 137.34	57 La 138.91	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.95	74 W 183.85	75 Re 186.2	76 Os 190.2	77 Ir 192.2	78 Pt 195.09				
79 Au 196.97	80 Hg 200.59	81 Tl 204.37	82 Pb 207.19	83 Bi 208.98	84 Po ...	85 At ...	86 Rn ...						
87 Fr ...	88 Ra ...	89 Ac ...	90 Th 232.04	91 Pa ...	92 U 238.03	93 Np ...	94 Pu ...	95 Am ...	96 Cm ...				
58 Ce 140.12	59 Pr 140.91	60 Nd 144.24	61 Pm ...	62 Sm 150.35	63 Eu 151.96	64 Gd 157.25	65 Tm 159.2	66 Ds 162.50	67 Ho 164.93	68 Er 167.26	69 Tm 168.93	70 Yb 173.04	71 Lu 174.97
90 Th 232.04	91 Pa ...	92 U 238.03	93 Np ...	94 Pu ...	95 Am ...	96 Cm ...	97 Bk ...	98 Cf ...	99 E ...	100 Fm ...	101 Md ...	102 No ...	103 Lw ...

Table III Extended Form of the Periodic Table

IA	IIA	IIIB	IVB	VB	VIB	VII B	VIII								
<div>1 H 1.00797 ± 0.00001</div>															
<div>3 Li 6.939 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>4 Be 9.0122 ± 0.00005</div>														
<div>11 Na 22.9898 ± 0.00005</div>	<div>12 Mg 24.312 ± 0.0005</div>														
<div>19 K 39.102 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>20 Ca 40.08 ± 0.005</div>	<div>21 Sc 44.956 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>22 Ti 47.90 ± 0.005</div>	<div>23 V 50.942 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>24 Cr 51.996 ± 0.001</div>	<div>25 Mn 54.9380 ± 0.00005</div>	<div>26 Fe 55.847 ± 0.003</div>	<div>27 Co 58.9332 ± 0.00005</div>	<div>28 Ni 58.71 ± 0.005</div>						
<div>37 Rb 85.47 ± 0.005</div>	<div>38 Sr 87.62 ± 0.005</div>	<div>39 Y 88.905 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>40 Zr 91.22 ± 0.005</div>	<div>41 Nb 92.906 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>42 Mo 95.94 ± 0.005</div>	<div>43 Tc (99) ± 0.005</div>	<div>44 Ru 101.07 ± 0.005</div>	<div>45 Rh 102.905 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>46 Pd 106.4 ± 0.05</div>						
<div>55 Cs 132.905 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>56 Ba 137.34 ± 0.005</div>	<div>57 *La 138.91 ± 0.005</div>	<div>72 Hf 178.49 ± 0.005</div>	<div>73 Ta 180.948 ± 0.0005</div>	<div>74 W 183.85 ± 0.005</div>	<div>75 Re 186.2 ± 0.05</div>	<div>76 Os 190.2 ± 0.05</div>	<div>77 Ir 192.2 ± 0.05</div>	<div>78 Pt 195.09 ± 0.005</div>						
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() Numbers in parentheses are mass numbers of most stable or most common isotope.

Atomic weights corrected to conform to the 1963 values of the Commission on Atomic Weights.

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IB	IIB	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA	INERT GASES	
						1 H 1.00797 ± 0.00001	2 He 4.0026 ± 0.00005	2
		5 B 10.811 ± 0.003	6 C 12.01115 ± 0.00005	7 N 14.0067 ± 0.00005	8 O 15.9994 ± 0.0001	9 F 18.9984 ± 0.00005	10 Ne 20.183 ± 0.0005	2 8
		13 Al 26.9815 ± 0.00005	14 Si 28.086 ± 0.001	15 P 30.9738 ± 0.00005	16 S 32.064 ± 0.003	17 Cl 35.453 ± 0.001	18 Ar 39.948 ± 0.0005	2 8 8
29 Cu 63.54 ± 0.005	30 Zn 65.37 ± 0.005	31 Ga 69.72 ± 0.005	32 Ge 72.59 ± 0.005	33 As 74.9216 ± 0.00005	34 Se 78.96 ± 0.005	35 Br 79.909 ± 0.002	36 Kr 83.80 ± 0.005	2 8 18 8
47 Ag 107.870 ± 0.003	48 Cd 112.40 ± 0.005	49 In 114.82 ± 0.005	50 Sn 118.69 ± 0.005	51 Sb 121.75 ± 0.005	52 Te 127.60 ± 0.005	53 I 126.9044 ± 0.00005	54 Xe 131.30 ± 0.005	2 8 18 18 8
79 Au 196.967 ± 0.0005	80 Hg 200.59 ± 0.005	81 Tl 204.37 ± 0.005	82 Pb 207.19 ± 0.005	83 Bi 208.980 ± 0.0005	84 Po (210)	85 At (210)	86 Rn (222)	2 8 18 32 18 8

64 Gd 157.25 ± 0.005	65 Tb 158.924 ± 0.0005	66 Dy 162.50 ± 0.005	67 Ho 164.930 ± 0.0005	68 Er 167.26 ± 0.005	69 Tm 168.934 ± 0.0005	70 Yb 173.04 ± 0.005	71 Lu 174.97 ± 0.005	2 8 18 32 9 2
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96 Cm (247)	97 Bk (247)	98 Cf (249)	99 Es (254)	100 Fm (253)	101 Md (256)	102 No (256)	103 Lw (257)	2 8 18 32 7 9 2
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LABORATORY
PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

To Dr. Harry Lewis, Dean Emeritus of the Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wisconsin — known and loved by chemists throughout the United States and the world for his devoted and untiring efforts on behalf of chemical education. Dr. Lewis has the honor of being the “father” of MACTLAC, for it was he who made the first move to initiate this organization.

Preface

Physical chemistry, perhaps more than any other undergraduate chemistry course, has been in the process of evolution during the last several years. What the end result will be is not yet apparent. In the majority of colleges, however, the present course has a far different emphasis from that of ten or even five years ago, with increasing interest in independent work. Changes have been brought about not only by advances in the field itself but also by the efforts of the American Chemical Society to introduce physical chemistry earlier in the curriculum.

The almost exponential increase in the use of instruments in all fields of chemistry emphasizes the need for practical as well as theoretical training. Yet when physical chemistry is placed on the sophomore or junior level, the student more often lacks functional, rather than theoretical, background. Students of even exceptional intelligence vary widely in their ability and perception in dealing with physical apparatus, and some are markedly deficient in this regard. This is more than a matter of physical dexterity or of eye-hand coordination and stems from lack of early experience in tool utilization. There is increasing need for young scientists to learn tool utilization: mathematical, mechanical, and instrumental. Especially necessary is the skill of transferring concepts from print or diagrams to tangible equipment. This can only be acquired through actual practice — hence the value of having physical chemistry laboratory early in the undergraduate years, embracing a wide variety of techniques.

Reference

The reference manual contains pertinent information on all phases of tool use. Here the word “tool” is used in its broadest sense, including writing and mathematics as well as physical and electrical equipment. With regard to the latter, there is information of the purpose of equipment and its applications, limitations, availability, proper use, and safety precautions. The coverage here has been limited to the immediate needs of the student in subject areas for which one or two excellent and readily available reference works are current. Thus the chapter on electronic equipment is quite short. Subjects in which the needed information is fragmentary, widely scattered, or perhaps unpublished, are covered in much greater detail.

This manual is intended to serve as an introduction to the experiments, as a ready reference, and as a supplement to guide the course of independent work. The rapid growth of undergraduate research, with exploration of the widest

variety of chemical and instrumental techniques, makes necessary a general compendium of this kind. It not only supplies much of the information needed for preliminary explorations, but also points the way for safe and effective use of equipment for further discoveries. Unique in its field, its value as a reference can well extend into the years of graduate research and beyond.

Experiments

The collection of experiments is the result of a cooperative effort by physical chemistry instructors of the Midwestern Association of Chemistry Teachers in Liberal Arts Colleges. The plan has been to collect experiments or ideas for experimental work from available sources, to rewrite or edit these into conveniently usable form, to submit them to the membership for testing by their students, and to revise before publication on the basis of comments received.

This procedure has not been uniformly applied to all the experiments in the manual. In spite of their being written or revised by experts in the subjects, there undoubtedly still remain rough spots and factors which may cause students difficulty. We do not believe this to be entirely bad. Only when a student is challenged to the limits of his ability does he advance most rapidly. We often learn more from our mistakes than from our successes.

The experiments so far included in this manual vary greatly in difficulty and in treatment. A few involve simple techniques for which detailed directions are given, such that any student should be able to follow them successfully. Most are of intermediate difficulty, and are open-ended in the sense that the method can be extended beyond the examples given into exploratory work verging on research. For several, only general directions are given, thus putting more responsibility upon the student. Two or three require fairly sophisticated apparatus and difficult techniques. This variety should meet the needs of classes in most undergraduate colleges and universities.

In general, we believe it is better to assign fewer experiments in physical chemistry, perhaps five to eight each semester, and give the student time to explore several in depth. This way he gets a chance to apply his newly won knowledge of techniques to other chemical systems of his own choosing.

Note. The experiments have been grouped as indicated in the table of contents, but the selection is such as to allow other interesting and stimulating combinations. For example, Experiments 8, 16, and 25 and 26 might equally well be considered under the heading of equilibrium phenomena. Similarly Experiments 10 and 11 and 13 could be grouped under photometric methods. The field of thermodynamics might include Experiments 2 and 3 and 6 as well as those listed as 16–19. Other regroupings are possible.

The construction projects are included for those who consider physical chemistry laboratory to be an introduction to physical methods of research and a preparation for such work on the graduate level. There, nearly every research project involves either personal construction or direction of shop personnel in the fabrication of specialized apparatus. We believe this is a most

valuable experience for those students . . . forward to graduate training and recommend the projects in this manual as well within the capacity of most undergraduate physical chemistry students.

It is our intention to add to and revise this collection of experiments from time to time. We invite the submission of ideas and manuscripts.

The members of the present Editorial Board wish to thank all who have so generously contributed their time, thought, and effort to this cooperative undertaking. This includes not only the authors, whose names will be found on the individual experiments, but also the many others who have supplied ideas, tested experiments, and supplied helpful criticism of the trial forms. Credit also goes to the several colleges that contributed secretarial time and the use of duplicating equipment. Lastly, we express our appreciation to the unsung students who really helped to pinpoint the weak spots in the experiments.

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Authorship

This laboratory reference manual, with the accompanying collection of experiments, has resulted from the joint efforts of a group of experienced teachers from MACTLAC. The name MACTLAC, the Midwestern Association of Chemistry Teachers in Liberal Arts Colleges, speaks for itself.

At the 1957 meeting of MACTLAC at Park College a lively discussion took place on the role of the laboratory in physical chemistry. Stimulated by this discussion, W. C. Oelke arose at the end of the meeting and asked whether any would be interested in cooperatively developing better laboratory experiments for physical chemistry classes. A small group responded with enthusiasm. The next year a steering committee was elected, which grew into the Editorial Board of the Cooperative Physical Chemistry Manual Project. This board presently consists of the following:

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It was early agreed that Dr. Oelke would be personally responsible for writing the Reference Manual, and the Board, jointly, for the Manual of Experiments. The Reference Manual is thus the work of Dr. Oelke, except for Chapter 11, which is the work of Dr. Richard W. Zuehlke of Lawrence University.

The senior author acknowledges with the greatest respect and admiration the direct contributions of the gentlemen just mentioned, as well as the continued help, advice, and encouragement of the members of the Editorial Board and his many friends among the larger group of cooperators.

W. C. Oelke

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