## CHEMICAL EQUATIONS

- are the "recipes" in chemistry

- show the substances going into a reaction, substances coming out of the reaction, and give other information about the process

$$\operatorname{MgCl}_{2}(\operatorname{aq}) + \operatorname{MgNO}_{3}(\operatorname{aq}) \xrightarrow{\vee} 2\operatorname{AgCl}(\operatorname{s}) + \operatorname{Mg(NO}_{3})_{2}(\operatorname{aq})$$

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REACTANTS - materials that are needed fot a reaction

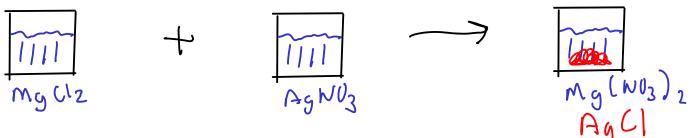
PRODUCTS - materials that are formed in a reaction

COEFFICIENTS - give the ratio of molecules/atoms of one substance to the others

PHASE LABELS - give the physical state of a substance:

- (s) -solid
- (I) liquid
- (g) gas

(aq) - aqueous. In other words, dissolved in water



CHEMICAL EQUATIONS  $2M_{g}(s) + O_{2}(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta} 2M_{g}O(s)$ 

REACTION CONDITIONS - give conditions necessary for chemical reaction to occur. May be:

- $\triangle$  apply heat
- catalysts substances that will help reaction proceed faster
- other conditions, such as required temperatures

- Reaction conditions are usually written above the arrow, but may also be written below if the reaction requires several steps or several different conditions

## COEFFICIENTS

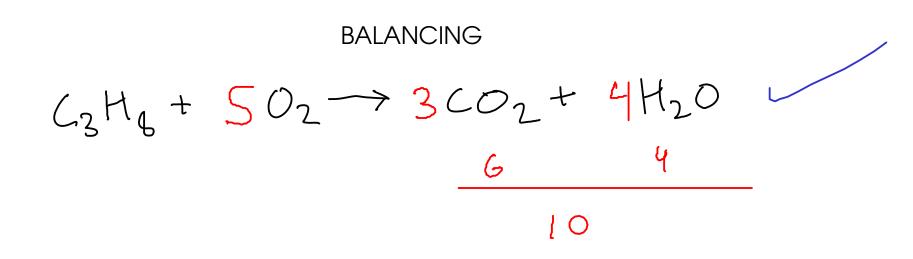
- Experimentally, we can usually determine the reactants and products of a reaction

- We can determine the proper ratios of reactants and products WITHOUT further experiments, using a process called BALANCING

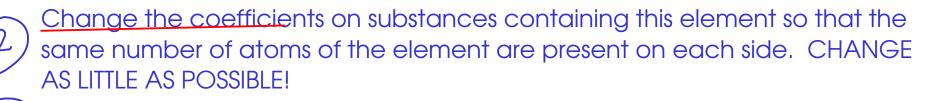
- BALANCING a chemical equation is making sure the same number of atoms of each element go into a reaction as come out of it.

- A properly balanced chemical equation has the smallest whole number ratio of reactants and products.

- There are several ways to do this, but we will use a modified trial-and-error procedure.



Pick an element. Avoid (if possible) elements that appear in more than one substance on each side of the equation.



Repeat 1-2 until all elements are done.

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Go back and quickly <u>VERIFY</u> that you have the same number of atoms of each element on each side, If you used any fractional coefficients, multiply each coefficient by the DENOMIMATOR of your fraction.

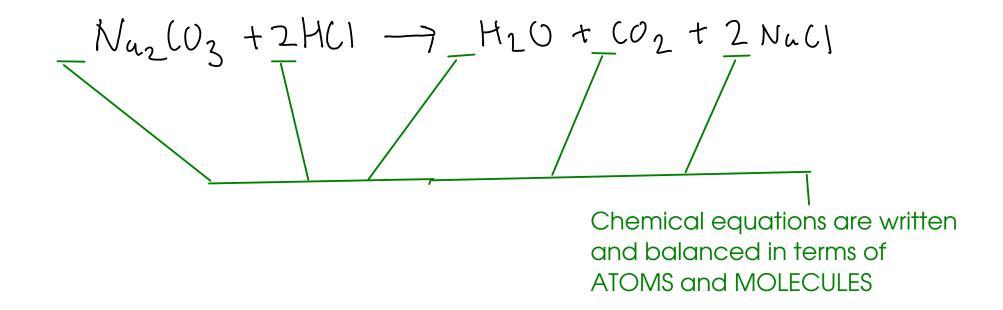
Use SMALLEST WHOLE NUMBER RATIOS!

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BALANCING  

$$3M_{g}Cl_{2} + 2N_{a3}PO_{4} \rightarrow M_{g_{3}}(PO_{4})_{2} + 6NaCl$$
  
 $(_{2}H_{2} + \frac{5}{2}O_{2} \rightarrow 2(O_{2} + H_{2}O_{4})_{2}$   
... we used 5/2 as the coefficient for oxygen because we needed exactly five  
oxygen atoms to come into the reaction. BUT, we need WHOLE NUMBER  
coefficients for evdrything - and not fractions. We multiply ALL coefficients by the  
denominator of the fraction (2).  
 $2C_{2}H_{2} + SO_{2} \rightarrow 4(O_{2} + 2H_{2}O_{4})$   
 $H_{2}SO_{4} + 2N_{4}OH \rightarrow N_{a_{2}}SO_{4} + 2H_{2}O$ 

- 1) Avoid H, balance S, since H appears in BOTH reactants.
- 2) Avoid O, balance Na, since O appears in ALL substances!
- 3) Balance H, since it shows up less often than Q.
- 4) Balance O. (it's already done!)

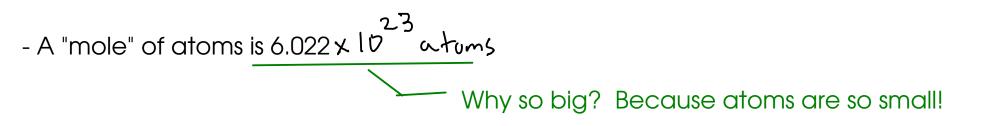
CHEMICAL CALCULATIONS - RELATING MASS AND ATOMS



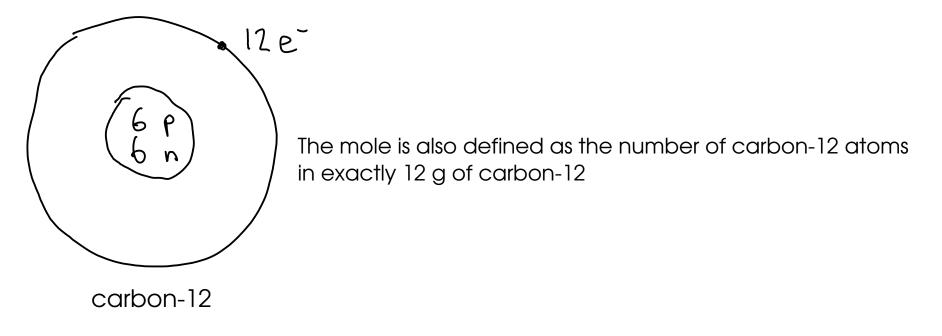
- While chemical equations are written in terms of ATOMS and MOLECULES, that's NOT how we often measure substances in lab!

- measurements are usually MASS (and sometimes VOLUME), NOT number of atoms or molecules!

## THE MOLE CONCEPT



- Why - in the metric dominated world of science - do we use such a strange number for quantity of atoms?



## THE MOLE CONCEPT

- Why define the mole based on an experimentally-measured number?

- The atomic weight of an element (if you put the number in front of the unit GRAMS) is equal to the mass of ONE MOLE of atoms of that element!

Carbon (C): Atomic mass 12.01 and 
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 12.01 g  
the mass of ONE MOLE of

Magnesium (Mg): 24.31 g = the mass of ONE MOLE OF MAGNESIUM ATOMS

naturally-occurring carbon atoms

- So, using the MOLE, we can directly relate a mass and a certain number of atoms!

RELATING MASS AND MOLES

- Use DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS (a.k.a "drag and drop")

- Need CONVERSION FACTORS - where do they come from?

- We use ATOMIC WEIGHT as a conversion factor.

$$M_{g} = 24.31 | 24.31 g M_{g} = 1 \mod M_{g}$$
  

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$$M_{g$$

Example: How many moles of atoms are there in 250. g of magnesium metal?

$$250.gMg \times \frac{molMg}{24.31gMg} = 10.3 molMg$$

Atomic weight is a measured number - in other words, it has significant figures. Usually, we can find atomic weights with larger numbers of significant figures if we need them!