



The Mole
The Basics

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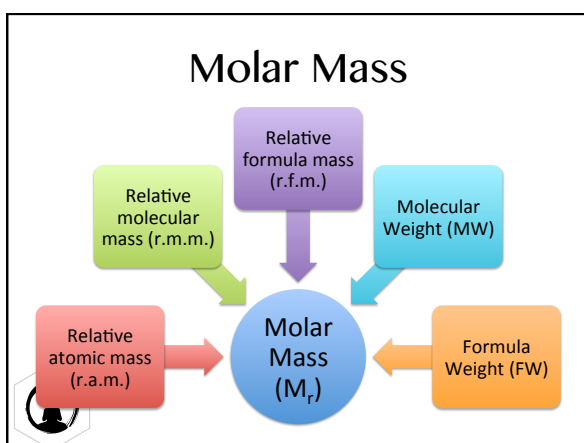
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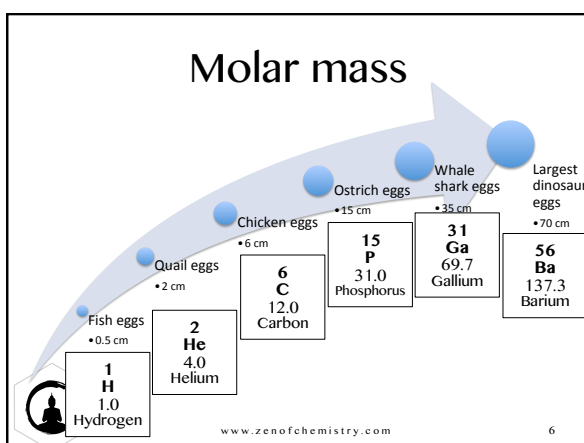
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Egg Masses

...for the purposes of the example,
let's assume that all eggs came in
dozens (i.e. 12 eggs)



Egg Masses



Fish Eggs



Chicken Eggs

Dinosaur Eggs



1 dozen atoms have different
masses depending on the
element

1 H 1.0 Hydrogen	1 H 1.0 Hydrogen	1 H 1.0 Hydrogen
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mass = 12.0 units

mass = 144 units

6 C 12.0 Carbon	6 C 12.0 Carbon	6 C 12.0 Carbon
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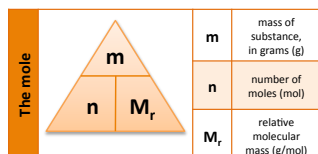
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mass = 1647.6 units



Molar Mass

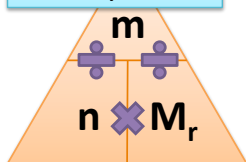
- The mass of 1 mol of atoms/molecules/particles
1 mol is NOT a dozen particles but 6.02×10^{23} particles!!
602,000,000,000,000,000,000
- Units: grams per mol (g/mol)



How to use equation triangles:

- Write down the term you wish to calculate (e.g. $n =$).
- Cover the term you wish to calculate with your hand.
- What remains is your equation on the other side of the = sign, working from the top down and/or left to right, and include all multiplication/division signs linking the two remaining terms.
- The three equations derived from this triangle are:
 - $n = m \div M_r$
 - $m = n \times M_r$
 - $M_r = m \div n$

The horizontal line corresponds to division; the vertical line corresponds to multiplication.



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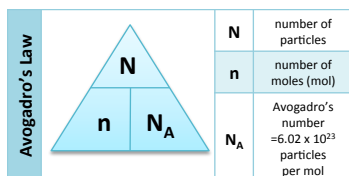
Avogadro's Number

Eggs

- 1 dozen eggs = 12 eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen eggs = 6 eggs
- 2 dozen eggs = 24 eggs
- 3 dozen eggs = 36 eggs

Moles

- 1 mole atoms = 6.02×10^{23} atoms
- $\frac{1}{2}$ mole atoms = 3.01×10^{23} atoms
- 2 moles atoms = 12.04×10^{23} atoms
- 3 moles atoms = 18.06×10^{23} atoms



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Empirical & Molecular Formulae

Molecular formula:

Exact number of atoms in a molecule

e.g. Ethane: C_2H_6

M = 30 g/mol

e.g. glucose: $C_6H_{12}O_6$

M = 180 g/mol



Empirical formula:

Lowest whole number ratio of atoms in a molecule

e.g. Ethane: CH_3

M = 15 g/mol

e.g. glucose: CH_2O

M = 30 g/mol

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Percentage by mass

% by mass = $\frac{\text{mass of one component}}{\text{mass of the total}} \times 100\%$

This can be used for:

- % w/w
- % yield
- % by mass of one element in a compound
- % by mass of water



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