

Structural analysis (CH-314)

Week 1

Definitions & Formulas

1. Atomic number (Z) – the number of protons in an atomic nucleus.
2. Neutron number (N) – the number of neutrons in an atomic nucleus.
3. Mass number (A) – total number of nucleons (protons and neutrons) in an atomic nucleus:

$$A = Z + N$$

4. Isotopes – atoms with nuclei of the same atomic number differing in the number of neutrons.
5. Mass units:

$$1 \text{ a.m.u.} = \frac{1}{12} \cdot m(^{12}\text{C}) = 1.6605390666 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$
$$1 \text{ Da} = 1 \text{ u} = 1 \text{ a.m.u.}$$

6. Isotopic mass – the exact mass of an isotope.
7. Isotopic abundance – the relative concentration of an isotope.
8. Nominal mass of an element - the integer mass of its most abundant isotope.
9. Monoisotopic mass of an element – the exact mass of its most abundant isotope.
10. Relative atomic mass (atomic weight) – the weighted average of the exact masses of the naturally occurring isotopes of an element:

$$A_r = \frac{\sum \alpha_i \cdot m_i}{\sum \alpha_i} = \sum \alpha_i \cdot m_i, \alpha_i - \text{abundance of the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ isotope}$$

11. Nominal, monoisotopic, and average molecular mass (molecular weight) is the sum of the nominal, monoisotopic, and relative atomic masses, respectively, of the elements in its empirical formula:

$$m = \sum n_i \cdot m_i$$

12. Exact mass of an isotopic species is the sum of the isotopic masses of its constituent elements.
13. Isobars – species with the same nominal mass but different exact masses.
14. Isotopologues – species that differ only in their isotopic composition.
15. Isotopic distribution in case of a di-isotopic element:

$$\text{Pr}(A + k) = \frac{n!}{k! \cdot (n - k)!} \cdot \alpha^{n-k} \cdot (1 - \alpha)^k$$

16. Isotopic distribution in case of a poly-isotopic element:

$$\text{Pr}(A + k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + \dots) = \frac{n!}{k_1! \cdot k_2! \cdot k_3! \cdot \dots} \cdot (\alpha_1)^{k_1} \cdot (\alpha_2)^{k_2} \cdot (\alpha_3)^{k_3} \cdot \dots$$

17. Isotopic distribution in case of presence of several di- or poly-isotopic elements:

$$\text{Pr}(^{a1}A_{k1} \ ^{a2}A_{k2} \dots \ ^{b1}B_{l1} \ ^{b2}B_{l2} \dots) = \text{Pr}(^{a1}A_{k1} \ ^{a2}A_{k2} \dots) \cdot \text{Pr}(^{b1}B_{l1} \ ^{b2}B_{l2} \dots)$$

18. Masses of an electron and of a proton:

$$m_e = 0.000549 \text{ Da}$$
$$m(\text{H}^+) = 1.007276 \text{ Da}$$

Natural Isotopes of Some Elements

Isotope	Abundance (%)	Mass (Da)
¹ H	99.985	1.007825
² H	0.015	2.014101
⁶ Li	7.5	6.01512
⁷ Li	92.5	7.016
¹² C	98.89	12
¹³ C	1.11	13.00335
¹⁴ N	99.64	14.00307
¹⁵ N	0.36	15.00011
¹⁶ O	99.76	15.99491
¹⁷ O	0.04	16.99913
¹⁸ O	0.2	17.99916
¹⁹ F	100	18.99840
²³ Na	100	22.98976

Isotope	Abundance (%)	Mass (Da)
²⁸ Si	92.232	27.97693
²⁹ Si	4.699	28.97649
³⁰ Si	3.092	29.97377
³¹ P	100	30.97376
³² S	95.0	31.97207
³³ S	0.76	32.97146
³⁴ S	4.22	33.96786
³⁶ S	0.014	35.96709
³⁵ Cl	75.77	34.96885
³⁷ Cl	24.23	36.96590
⁷⁹ Br	50.69	78.91838
⁸¹ Br	49.31	80.91629
¹²⁷ I	100	126.90447