

Inorganic pharmaceuticals

Lecture No. 1



Introduction

- ❑ Pharmaceutical chemistry is the branch of chemistry that deals with the design, development, and synthesis of drugs.
- ❑ Pharmaceutical chemistry plays a key role in the discovery and development of new medications and therapies, influencing the treatment options for various diseases.
- ❑ Inorganic pharmaceutical chemistry is a branch of inorganic chemistry that focuses on the synthesis, properties, and applications of inorganic compounds used in medicine. Many inorganic substances can function as drugs or as diagnostic agents.

Key Areas of Inorganic Pharmaceuti

- **Metal - Based Drugs:** inorganic compounds such as platinum (e.g., cisplatin) and gold, which are used in other therapies.
- **Diagnostic Agents:** use of contrast agents such as MRI and CT gadolinium compounds.
- **Antimicrobial Agents:** inorganic compounds with antibacterial activity.
- **Bioinorganic Chemistry:** study of the role of metals in biological systems, including enzyme function, hemoglobin, and electron transfer processes.
- **Nanomaterials:** synthesis and application of inorganic systems and targeted therapy.



Classification of Inorganic Pharma

Inorganic medicines may be categorized according to their chemical structure, proposed

1. Based on Chemical Composition

▪ Metal - Based Drugs

- Transition Metal Complexes: e.g., cisplatin
- Alkali and Alkaline Earth Metals: e.g., calcium

▪ Metal Ions:

- Essential Trace Elements: e.g., zinc, copper, iron, cobalt, molybdenum, selenium, vanadium, chromium, manganese, nickel, and silicon. These are important for enzyme function.
- Toxic Metals: e.g., lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium, and thallium. These can cause various health problems, including certain cancers.

Classification of Inorganic Pharma

2. Based on Therapeutic Use

▪ Anticancer Agents

- Platinum compounds (e.g., cisplatin)
- Organometallic compounds.

▪ Antimicrobial Agents

- Silver compounds (e.g., silver nitrate)
- Metal oxides (e.g., zinc oxide)

▪ Diagnostic Agents

- Contrast agents (e.g., gadolinium chloride)

▪ Hormonal and Metabolic Regulators

- Lithium for mood stabilization.
- Iron supplements for anemia.

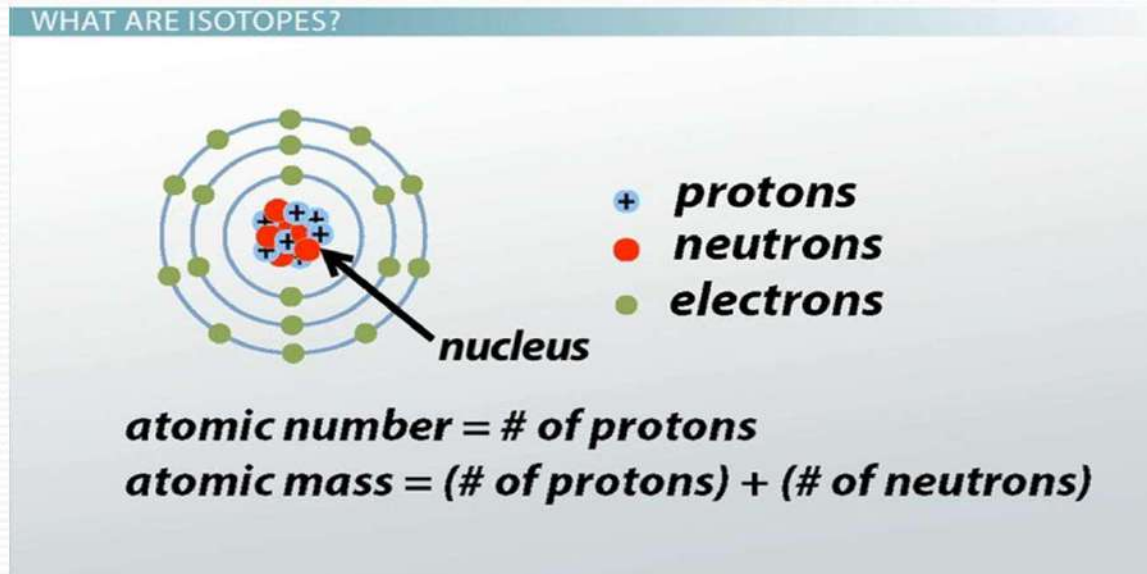


Structure and

Atomic and Molecular
Structure / Composition

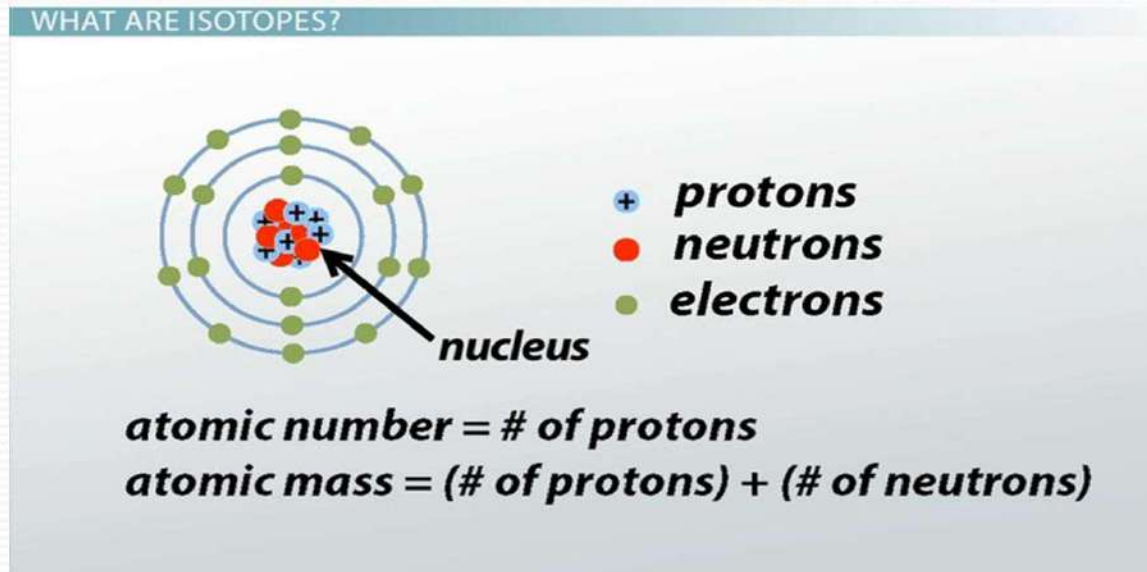
Atomic Orbitals

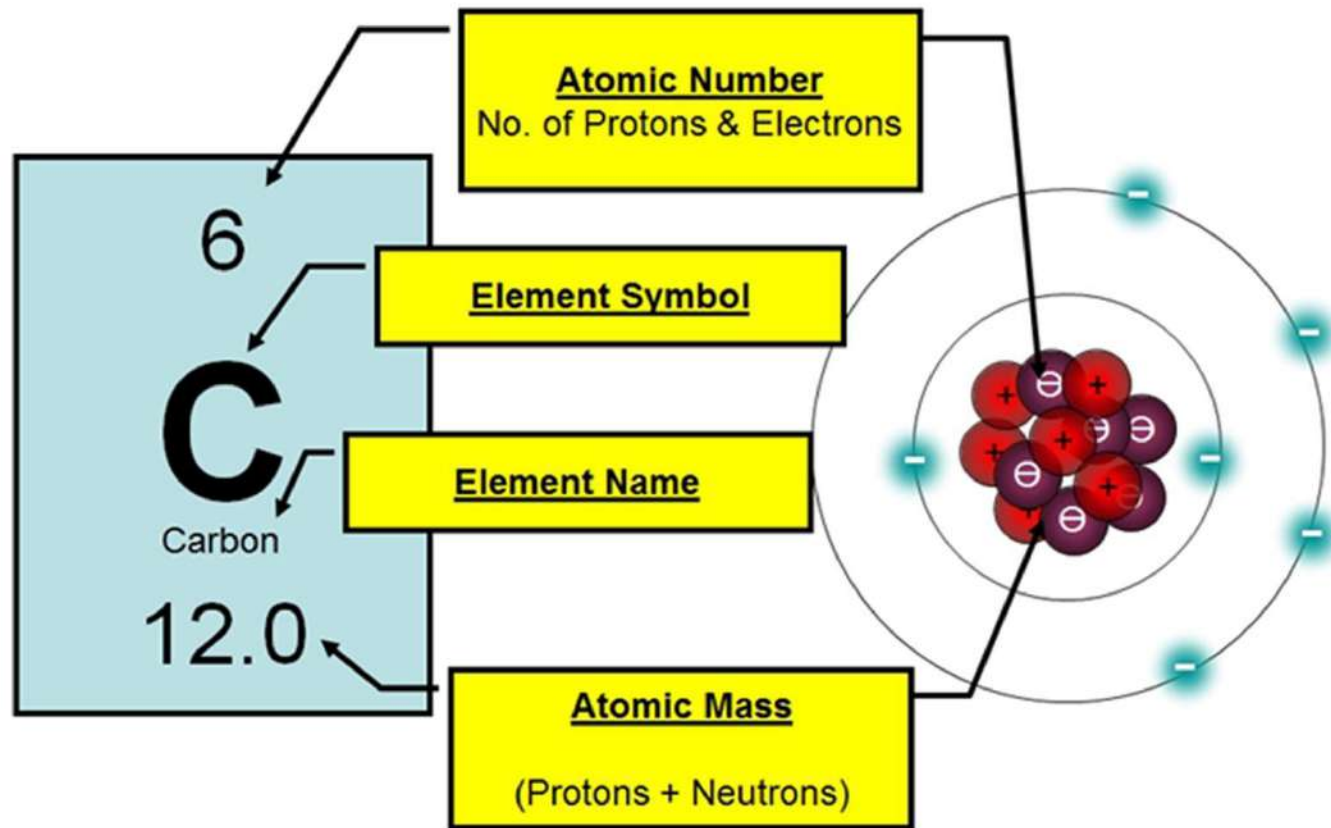
- The Bohr Model of the atom:
 - The nucleus (protons and neutrons) is at the center of the atom.
 - Electrons orbit the nucleus in defined paths (orbits).
 - Neutral atoms have an equal number of protons and electrons.



Atomic Orbitals

- Atomic number (Z) is the number of protons in the nucleus
- Mass number (A) is the sum of protons and neutrons in the nucleus ($p + n$)
- Isotopes of an element have the same number of protons but different number of neutrons
- mass number is different for different chemical elements





Not increasing or decreasing number of
has charge (ion formation) P f a n k a x a (m p)
and 18 e) .

At first we will notice the atomic numbers –
Even number or **Odd number** ...

Let's start with Even numbers :-

Atomic Mass = 2 x Atomic number

Symbol	H	He	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	K	Ca
Atomic Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Atomic Mass		4		8		12		16		20		24		28		32		36		40

For the Odd numbers :-

$$\text{Atomic Mass} = 2 \times \text{Atomic number} + \underline{1}$$

Symbol	H	He	Li	Be	B	C	N	O	F	Ne	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar	K	Ca
Atomic Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Atomic Mass	3	4	7	8	11	12	15	16	19	20	23	24	27	28	31	32	35	36	39	40



H

Ar

Cl

N

Be

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Atomic Orbitals

- Isotopes: are atoms of the same element with the same number of protons but different number of neutrons in atomic nucleus
- Isotopes of an element react the same way in chemical reactions because chemical reaction involves only the electrons (not the nucleus)

$$\text{Number of Neutrons} = \text{Atomic Mass} - \text{Atomic Number}$$

Number of Neutrons

$$= 12 - 6 = 6$$

12
6 **C**

Carbon-12
98.9%

Number of Neutrons

$$= 13 - 6 = 7$$

13
6 **C**

Carbon-13
1.1%

Number of Neutrons

$$= 14 - 6 = 8$$

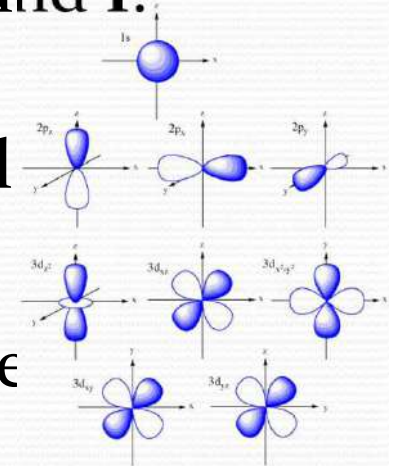
14
6 **C**

Carbon-14
<0.0001%

Isotopes of Carbon

Atomic Orbitals

- Atomic orbitals: regions of space around an atom where an electron is likely to be found.
- Atomic orbitals allow atoms to bond together. The most common types of bonding are ionic, covalent and metallic.
- In chemistry it's all about the arrangement of electrons in orbitals.
- Each electron can be described by a set of quantum numbers.



Atomic Orbitals

A. Principle quantum number, n

- Highest principle quantum number
- Indicates size of orbital
- An increase means increases the electron in the orbital.
- In periodic Table, each row number

