

*Thirteenth Report of the Committee on Atomic Weights of the International Union of Chemistry.*¹

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IN the very regrettable death of Professor Otto Hönigschmid the International Committee on Atomic Weights has suffered a great loss. Professor Hönigschmid not only very actively promoted the work of the Committee but was himself responsible for a large portion of recent experimental work in this field.

Owing largely to difficulties of communication no report of the International Committee on Atomic Weights has been published for some time. The twelfth report was published only in Germany and France but essentially the same material appeared as the Report of the Committee on Atomic Weights of the American Chemical Society² at about the same time as the German Report.³ Since no changes in the Table of Atomic Weights have been made since the Eleventh Report of the International Committee was published in 1941 until this year, this situation can have caused no serious difficulty. In the Table of Atomic Weights at the end of this report changes have been made in the cases of sulphur and copper. Attention is called to the fact that the atomic weight of common lead as determined from isotopic composition varies with the source over a range of 0.03—0.04 unit. At the present time it seems unwise to try to include values for the new elements Nos. 93—96, neptunium, plutonium, curium and americium.

Beryllium.—Johannsen (*Naturwiss.*, 1943, 31, 592) synthesised beryllium chloride from beryllium oxide and carbon in a stream of chlorine and purified the product by sublimation without melting, first in chlorine, then in nitrogen, and finally in vacuum. The product was collected in sealed glass bulbs and was analysed in the usual way both by comparison with silver and by weighing the silver chloride, with the same resulting atomic weight 9.013 for beryllium. This result is somewhat lower than that found earlier by Hönigschmid and Birkenbach by analysis of the chloride, 9.018, and agrees closely with the mass spectroscopic value 9.0126.

Carbon and Nitrogen.—Casado (Thesis, University of Santiago, 1943) has redetermined experimentally the densities of oxygen, nitrous oxide, and methyl oxide at pressures of one atmosphere and below, as well as the deviations from Boyle's law at low pressures. Corrections of weights to the vacuum standard, for the contraction of the globes at pressures below one atmosphere, and for gravity were made. The average values from a large number of determinations are given in the following table.

| | Oxygen. | Nitrous oxide. | Methyl oxide. |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| $1 + \lambda$ | 1.00089 | 1.00710 | 1.02574 |
| d_1 | 1.428905 | 1.97747 | 2.10809 |
| $d_{\frac{1}{2}}$ | 1.42844 | 1.97308 | 2.08987 |
| $d_{\frac{1}{3}}$ | — | — | 2.08194 |
| $d_{\frac{1}{4}}$ | 1.42799 | 1.96848 | 2.07330 |

If the densities plotted against the pressures are assumed to follow a straight line calculated by the method of least squares, the limiting densities and molecular weights are found to be as follows :

| | Limiting densities. | Mol. wt. |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Oxygen | 1.42760 | 32.000 |
| Nitrous oxide | 1.96380 | 44.019 |
| Methyl oxide | 2.0561 | 46.088 |

From the molecular weights of nitrous oxide and methyl oxide the atomic weights of nitrogen and carbon may be calculated to be 14.009 and 12.020. If the values of $1 + \lambda$ are used together with the densities at one atmosphere the following results are obtained.

| | d_1 . | $1 + \lambda$. | d . | M . |
|---------------------|----------|-----------------|---------|--------|
| Oxygen | 1.428905 | 1.00089 | 1.42763 | 32.000 |
| Nitrous oxide | 1.97747 | 1.00710 | 1.96352 | 44.012 |
| Methyl oxide | 2.10809 | 1.02574 | 2.05518 | 46.066 |

from which the atomic weights $N = 14.006$ and $C = 12.009$ result.

Fluorine and Calcium.—In a series of papers, following the first by C. A. Hutchison and Johnston (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 1580), the method of calculating the atomic weights of

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² *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1943, 65, 1443.

³ *Ber.*, 1943, 76, 35; *Bull. Soc. chim.*, 1944, 11, 214.

fluorine and calcium from density and X-ray data has been continued by Johnston and D. A. Hutchison (*Physical Rev.*, 1943, **62**, 32), C. A. Hutchison (*J. Chem. Physics*, 1942, **10**, 489), D. A. Hutchison (*Physical Rev.*, 1944, **66**, 144), and D. A. Hutchison (*J. Chem. Physics*, 1945, **13**, 383). The atomic weights and densities used in the calculations of the last paper are as follows :

| Atomic weights. | | Densities (20°). | |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| C | 12.0104 | C | 3.51540 |
| Li | 6.9390 | LiF | 2.64030 |
| Na | 22.9970 | NaCl | 2.16360 |
| Cl | 35.4570 | KCl | 1.98826 |
| K | 39.0960 | CaCO ₃ | 2.64030 |

The most reliable results as given in the last of the papers cited are as follows :

Calcium.

| Reference substances. | Assumed atomic weights. | Atomic wt. of Ca. |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Calcite, NaCl | Na, Cl, C | 40.0851 |
| Calcite, KCl | K, Cl, C | 40.0851 |
| Calcite, C (diamond) | C | 40.0844 |
| Calcite, LiF | K, Cl, Li, C, Na | 40.0850 |
| | Average | 40.0849 |

Fluorine.

| Reference substances. | Assumed atomic weights. | Atomic wt. of F. |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| LiF, KCl | K, Cl, Li | 18.9967 |
| LiF, NaCl | Na, Cl, Li | 18.9967 |
| LiF, C (diamond) | Li, C | 18.9967 |
| LiF, CaCO ₃ | Na, Cl, C, Li, K | 18.9967 |
| | Average | 18.9967 |

The extraordinary concordance of the above results is of course dependent upon the values assumed in the calculation. If, for instance, the atomic weight of sodium is 22.994, the most recent value determined by Johnson, all molecular weights depending on that of sodium chloride will be lowered by 0.005%, and if the atomic weight of potassium is 39.098 instead of the one used, values depending on potassium chloride will be raised by 0.003%. The effect of this upon the atomic weight of calcium in the first two instances in the above table would be - 0.005 and + 0.002 unit. Because of the small molecular weight of lithium fluoride these uncertainties would affect the atomic weight of fluorine by only 0.001 unit. At the present time these results are to be considered as confirmatory rather than definitive.

Potassium, Aluminium, Magnesium and Sodium.—Batuecas, Casado, and Alonso (*Rev. Real Acad. Cienc. Madrid*, 1944, **38**, 349), using the method of Hutchison and Johnston (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 1580), have calculated the atomic weights of potassium, magnesium, aluminium, and sodium. Calcium and carbon are assumed to have the atomic weights 40.080 and 12.010. They find

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| K = 39.091 | Mg = 24.317 |
| Al = 26.963 | Na = { 22.961 |
| | 22.989 |

Silicon.—Ney and McQueen (*Physical Rev.*, 1946, **69**, 41) and Williams and Yuster (*ibid.*, p. 556) have obtained the following results for the isotopic proportions of silicon :

| Isotope | 28 | 29 | 30 |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Ney and McQueen | 92.24 | 4.69 | 3.07 |
| Williams and Yuster | 92.27 | 4.68 | 3.05 |

If the packing fractions - 4.86×10^{-4} , - 4.54×10^{-4} and - 5.79×10^{-4} are used the calculated atomic weight is 28.087. This value lies midway between that found by Baxter, Weatherill, and Scripture, 28.063, by comparing the halides with silver, and those obtained by Hönigschmid and Steinheil, 28.105, by the same method, and by Weatherill, 28.103, from the ratio of the tetrachloride to the dioxide.

Sulphur.—Hönigschmid (*Ber.*, 1942, **75**, 1814) has redetermined the ratio between silver and sulphur from the synthesis of silver sulphide, by essentially the method used by Hönigschmid and Sachtleben (*Z. anorg. Chem.*, 1931, **195**, 207), and with essentially the same result. Weighed quantities of fused buttons of pure silver were heated in a current of nitrogen and the vapour of purified sulphur, then in pure nitrogen at 250—300°. Below 300° the variations in the weight of sulphide were slight. Above 300° both the weight and the appearance of the sulphide were attended with variations. Vacuum corrections were applied.

It is unfortunate that owing to decomposition above 300° the silver sulphide could not be fused in order to make certain of complete conversion, but the fact that repeated heating of the silver sulphide in sulphur vapour at the lower temperature failed to effect appreciable alteration tends to favour the view that the above difficulty was not serious.

In the following table the weights of sulphide are the averages of the concordant observations when the sulphide was heated at various temperatures between 250° and 300°.

| Wt. of Ag in vacuum, g. | No. of heatings with S. | Av. wt. of Ag ₂ S in vacuum, g. | Ag ₂ S : Ag. | At. wt. of S. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------|
| 22·63155 | 2 | 25·99501 | 1·148618 | 32·0658 |
| 23·35829 | 4 | 26·82982 | 1·148621 | 32·0665 |
| 22·54273 | 1 | 25·89313 | 1·148621 | 32·0671 |
| 21·83830 | 2 | 25·08394 | 1·148621 | 32·0665 |
| 21·47088 | 2 | 24·66194 | 1·148623 | 32·0669 |
| 20·98104 | 4 | 24·09928 | 1·148622 | 32·0663 |
| 17·35371 | 6 | 19·93282 | 1·148620 | 32·0663 |
| 16·84347 | 16 | 19·34675 | 1·148620 | 32·0663 |
| | | Average | 1·148620 | 32·0665 |

Richards and Jones (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1907, 29, 826) from the ratio of silver sulphate to silver chloride found 32·069, while Scheuer (*Sitzungsber. Akad. Wiss. Wien*, 1914, 123, IIa, 1004) from the ratios 2Ag : SO₂ : Ag₂SO₄ : 2AgCl obtained the value 32·067. On the basis of the above two investigations by Hönigschmid, especially in view of the extraordinary concordance of the one reported here, there seems little doubt that the atomic weight of sulphur is very close to 32·066 if silver is taken as 107·880, and this value has been adopted for the table in place of the less precise one, 32·06.

Potassium.—Paul and Pahl (*Naturwiss.*, 1944, 32, 226) have determined the relative abundance of ³⁹K and ⁴¹K in common potassium to be 13·96 ± 0·1. With the packing fraction — 6·1 × 10⁻⁴ and the conversion factor 1·000275 the atomic weight of potassium is found to be 39·099. This agrees closely with the average of the most recent determinations of this constant, 39·097.* In the same way a sample of potassium partially separated by ideal distillation by Hevesy and Lögstrup was found to have the atomic weight 39·011. Hönigschmid and Goubeau, and Baxter and Alter both obtained the same value for this sample.

Copper.—Hönigschmid and Johannsen (*Z. anorg. Chem.*, 1944, 252, 364; *Naturwiss.*, 1942, 31, 548) have analysed cuprous chloride. Cupric sulphate was crystallised three times in the case of one sample, five times in the case of another. After electrodeposition on a platinum dish at 2 volts, the metal was dissolved in nitric acid and the nitrate crystallised and centrifugally drained. Decomposition to oxide in platinum followed. Spectroscopic examination by Dr. Schöntag revealed no impurities.

Conversion of the cupric oxide into cuprous chloride was carried out in the following operations: drying of the oxide in nitrogen at 200°, reduction in electrolytic hydrogen at 800°, conversion of the metal into cuprous chloride in nitrogen and chlorine mixtures, and resublimation of the cuprous chloride in nitrogen into a weighing tube, all in a quartz bottling apparatus. In the last two steps it was important to avoid a temperature above 600°.

Analysis followed, by solution in ammonia, oxidation to the cupric state with oxygen, acidification with nitric acid and comparison with silver in the conventional way.

Vacuum corrections were applied. In the following table two analyses believed by the authors to have been made with defective material are omitted.

Atomic Weight of Copper.

| Wt. of CuCl in vacuum. | Wt. of Ag in vacuum. | CuCl : Ag. | At. wt. of Cu. | Wt. of AgCl in vacuum. | CuCl : AgCl. | At. wt. of Cu. |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 5·62293 | 6·12732 | 0·917682 | 63·542 | 8·14097 | 0·690695 | 63·545 |
| 5·27787 | 5·75129 | 0·917685 | 63·543 | 7·64158 | 0·690678 | 63·543 |
| 6·08707 | 6·63310 | 0·917681 | 63·542 | 8·81308 | 0·690686 | 63·544 |
| 4·84195 | 5·27638 | 0·917665 | 63·541 | 7·01062 | 0·690659 | 63·540 |
| 5·93141 | 6·46362 | 0·917661 | 63·540 | 8·58810 | 0·690655 | 63·539 |
| 5·74879 | 6·26460 | 0·917663 | 63·541 | 8·32345 | 0·690674 | 63·542 |
| 5·83204 | 6·35517 | 0·917684 | 63·543 | 8·44382 | 0·690687 | 63·544 |
| 6·54858 | 7·13604 | 0·917677 | 63·542 | 9·48162 | 0·690660 | 63·540 |
| 3·21862 | 6·77653 | 0·917670 | 63·541 | 9·00373 | 0·690672 | 63·542 |
| 6·03859 | 6·58024 | 0·917685 | 63·543 | 8·74323 | 0·690659 | 63·540 |
| | Average | 0·917675 | 63·542 | — | 0·690673 | 63·542 |

* 39·096, Baxter and Alter, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1933, 55, 3270; 30·096, Hönigschmid and Sachtleben, *Z. anorg. Chem.*, 1933, 213, 365; 39·100, Johnson, *J. Physical Chem.*, 1935, 39, 781; 39·098, Baxter and Harrington, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1940, 62, 1836; 39·096, McAlpine and Bird, *ibid.*, 1941, 63, 2960.

The outcome of this work, 63·542, is appreciably lower than that of Richards and his collaborators, 63·57, on which the International value has depended for some time, but is in close agreement with that obtained by Ruer (*Z. anorg. Chem.*, 1924, 137, 101), 63·54, by reduction of cupric oxide, and with a recent isotopic analysis of copper by Ewald (*Z. Physik*, 1944, 122, 487) which gives the value 63·53.

Selenium.—Hönigschmid and Görnhardt (*Naturwiss.*, 1944, 32, 68) prepared pure selenium oxychloride by distillation in high vacuum in a glass still and collected the product in sealed glass bulbs. Analysis by comparison with silver chloride gave 78·961, while determination of the silver chloride produced 78·963 for the atomic weight of selenium. This investigation confirms the present International value which depends on the earlier synthesis of silver selenide by Hönigschmid and Kapfenberger. The value calculated from the proportions of isotopes is 78·95 (Flügge and Mattauch, *Ber.*, 1943, 76, A, 1).

Ruthenium.—Ewald (*Z. Physik*, 1944, 122, 491) has determined the isotopic proportions of ruthenium to be as follows :

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Isotopic weight | 96 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 104 |
| Per cent. | 5·68 | 2·22 | 12·81 | 12·70 | 16·98 | 31·34 | 18·27 |

With the packing fraction $-6·49 \times 10^{-4}$ and the conversion factor 1·000275 the atomic weight is calculated to be 101·04. Although Gleu and Rehm (*Z. anorg. Chem.*, 1937, 235, 352) by analysis of the *purpureo*-chloride obtained the value 101·08, the uncertainties in their determination make it unwise to make any change in the Atomic Weight Table at the present time.

Silver, Bromine, and Potassium.—McAlpine and Bird (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 2960), by quantitative decomposition of potassium bromate, have found the ratio of potassium bromide to oxygen, and by comparison of the resulting potassium bromide with silver have found the ratio of these two substances. The results furnish a direct determination of the molecular weight of potassium bromide and an indirect determination of the atomic weight of silver.

Silver and bromine were purified by methods standard in atomic weight work. Potassium bromate was prepared from high-grade potassium hydroxide and an excess of bromine. After the solution had been boiled to remove excess of bromine and possibly iodine, the bromate was many times recrystallised until essentially free from bromide and sodium.

After prolonged drying in a vacuum the salt was further dried at 85—90° in the special weighed quartz decomposition flask, which was provided with a quartz filter disc to prevent loss of solid material, in a dry air stream, and was weighed. Very slow decomposition in a dry air stream followed, at gradually increasing temperatures up to 550°, until constant weight was obtained. During the decomposition the outgoing air stream was passed through a weighed phosphorus pentoxide tube to absorb residual water in the potassium bromate. In preliminary experiments it was found that decomposition of the bromate was complete and that the resulting bromide was neutral.

In the following table the weight of potassium bromate has been corrected for the water content as determined in each experiment. Vacuum corrections have been applied.

The Molecular Weight of Potassium Bromate.

| KBrO ₃ , g. | KBr, g. | Ratio, KBr : O ₃ . | Mol. wt. of KBr. | KBrO ₃ , g. | KBr, g. | Ratio, KBr : O ₃ . | Mol. wt. of KBr. |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 10·67696 | 7·60833 | 2·47939 | 119·011 | 10·69361 | 7·62021 | 2·47941 | 119·012 |
| 7·54279 | 5·37493 | 2·47937 | 119·010 | 10·36524 | 7·38620 | 2·47939 | 119·011 |
| 7·44818 | 5·30753 | 2·47940 | 119·011 | 9·76351 | 6·95738 | 2·47935 | 119·009 |
| 9·72572 | 6·93055 | 2·47947 | 119·015 | 9·78441 * | 6·97233 | 2·47942 | 119·012 |
| 9·62010 | 6·85524 | 2·47942 | 119·012 | | | | |
| 8·50007 | 6·05711 | 2·47941 | 119·012 | | | | |
| | | | | Average | | 2·47940 | 119·011 |

* Corrected in private communication from the authors.

Further evidence that the potassium bromide resulting from the decomposition was normal and free from moisture was obtained by comparing this bromide with silver in the conventional way by the nephelometric method. Similar experiments were made with potassium bromide prepared from pure bromine and potassium oxalate, and fused in nitrogen. Weights are corrected for air buoyancy.

If the established ratio of bromine to silver, 0·740786, is assumed, the atomic weights of bromine and potassium referred to silver as 107·879 are 79·915 and 39·096, respectively. All three values are in excellent agreement with those in the Table.

The Atomic Weight of Silver (KBr = 119.011).

| KBr, g. | Ag, g. | Ratio, KBr : Ag. | At. wt. of Ag.* | KBr, g. | Ag, g. | Ratio, KBr : Ag. | At. wt. of Ag.* |
|---|---------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| KBr from KBrO ₃ . | | | | | | | |
| 5.37498 | 4.87217 | 1.103200 | 107.878 | 7.62092 | 6.90813 | 1.103181 | 107.880 |
| 5.30758 | 4.81110 | 1.103195 | 107.878 | 7.38622 | 6.69531 | 1.103193 | 107.879 |
| 6.93122 | 6.28281 | 1.103204 | 107.878 | 6.95738 | 6.30663 | 1.103185 | 107.879 |
| 6.85536 | 6.21410 | 1.103194 | 107.879 | 6.97265 | 6.32040 | 1.103197 | 107.878 |
| 6.05813 | 5.49155 | 1.103173 | 107.881 | Average | | 1.103191 | 107.879 |
| KBr from K ₂ C ₄ O ₄ . | | | | | | | |
| 5.08563 | 4.60984 | 1.103212 | 107.877 | 5.30793 | 4.81142 | 1.103194 | 107.879 |
| 4.94988 | 4.48694 | 1.103175 | 107.880 | 4.50218 | 4.08093 | 1.103224 | 107.876 |
| 5.64545 | 5.11714 | 1.103243 † | 107.874 | 4.34549 | 3.93902 | 1.103191 | 107.879 |
| 5.38516 | 4.88142 | 1.103195 | 107.878 | 5.25160 | 4.76034 | 1.103199 | 107.878 |
| 5.92139 | 5.36755 | 1.103183 | 107.880 | 5.06778 | 4.59372 | 1.103197 | 107.878 |
| 4.62504 | 4.19245 | 1.103183 | 107.880 | Average | | 1.103200 | 107.878 |

* Recalculated from authors' data.

† 1.103200 in the authors' paper.

Incidental to the investigation three syntheses of silver chloride from silver were made.

The Ratio of Silver to Silver Chloride.

| Ag, g. | AgCl, g. | Ag : AgCl. | Ag, g. | AgCl, g. | Ag : AgCl |
|---------|----------|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| 6.95254 | 9.23774 | 0.752623 | 6.63263 | 8.81249 | 0.752640 |
| 7.03045 | 9.34116 | 0.752631 | Average | | 0.752631 |

The previously established value of this ratio is 0.752632.

Silver.—Paul (*Naturwiss.*, 1943, 31, 419) has determined the proportions of the two isotopes of silver electrometrically with a mass spectrocope. The mean ratio from twelve determinations was found to be $\frac{^{107}\text{Ag}}{^{109}\text{Ag}} = 1.080 \pm 0.006$. If the packing fraction — 4.8×10^{-4} is used the atomic weight of silver is found to be 107.880.

Dysprosium.—Wahl (*Suomen Kem. Tied.*, 1942, 51, 64; *Chem. Abstracts*, 1944, 38, 5142) finds the following isotopic proportions for dysprosium.

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Isotope | 158 | 160 | 161 | 162 | 163 | 164 |
| Per cent. | trace | 0.1 | 21.1 | 26.6 | 24.8 | 27.3 |

The mean mass number calculated from these percentages is 162.581, and with the packing fraction — 1.3×10^{-4} and the conversion factor 1.000275 the atomic weight may be calculated to be 162.52. Owing apparently to the fact that the author's percentages total only 99.9, he calculates the incorrect value 162.42. Hönigschmid found, by analysis of the chloride, 162.46.

Hafnium.—Mattauch and Ewald (*Z. Physik*, 1944, 122, 314) by photometric measurement of intensities in mass spectrographic plates have found the relative abundances of the hafnium isotopes to be as follows :

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Isotope | 174 | 176 | 177 | 178 | 179 | 180 |
| Per cent. | 0.18 | 5.30 | 18.47 | 27.10 | 13.84 | 35.11 |

The mean mass number calculated from these results is 178.54, and the atomic weight calculated with the packing fraction + 0.2×10^{-4} and the conversion factor 1.000275 is 178.50 ± 0.01 . This result is appreciably lower than the atomic weight found by Hönigschmid and Zintl (*Ber.*, 1925, 58, 453) in the usual chemical way. With two samples containing 0.57 and 0.16% of zirconium Hönigschmid and Zintl's results after correction for the zirconium content were 178.64 and 178.57.

Lead.—Permyakov (*Bull. Acad. Sci. U.R.R.S., Classe sci. chim.*, 1941, 581) has determined the atomic weight of lead from both Sadon galena and Khito-Ostrov uraninite by the conventional chloride-silver-silver chloride method. Weights are corrected to the vacuum standard.

Sadon galena.

| Wt. of PbCl ₂ . | Wt. of Ag. | Ratio PbCl ₂ : 2Ag. | At. wt. of Pb. | Wt. of AgCl. | Ratio PbCl ₂ : 2AgCl. | At. wt. of Pb. |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 3·9615 | 3·0733 | 1·28900 | 207·20 | 4·0835 | 0·97010 | 207·19 |
| 2·2722 | 1·7628 | 1·28897 | 207·19 | 3·3423 | 0·97008 | 207·19 |
| 3·1425 | 2·4378 | 1·28907 | 207·21 | 3·2394 | 0·97009 | 207·19 |
| Average | | 1·28901 | 207·20 | — | 0·97009 | 207·19 |

Khito-Ostrov uraninite.

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| 1·6599 | 1·2928 | 1·28396 | 206·11 | 1·7175 | 0·96646 | 206·14 |
| 2·3032 | 1·7939 | 1·28391 | 206·10 | 2·3834 | 0·96635 | 206·12 |
| 2·2354 | 1·7411 | 1·28390 | 206·10 | 2·3132 | 0·96637 | 206·12 |
| Average | | 1·28392 | 206·10 | — | 0·96639 | 206·13 |

Radium.—Attention is again called to the fact that in the most recent and accurate determination of the atomic weight of radium, by Hönigschmid and Sachtleben (*Z. anorg. Chem.*, 1934, 221, 65), by conversion of radium bromide into radium chloride, no correction was made for the fact that weights of salt are too low since the temperature of the salts is always higher than that of the balance. The ratio involved is $\text{RaBr}_2 : \text{RaBr}_2 - \text{RaCl}_2$, in which the second term is far less affected than the first. In earlier work by Hönigschmid a positive correction of 0·01 unit was used. Although the mass spectrographic value is 226·05, identical with Hönigschmid and Sachtleben's uncorrected result, the application of the above rather uncertain correction produces a discrepancy of 0·01 unit.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC WEIGHTS, 1947.

| Symbol. | Atomic Number. | Atomic Weight. | Symbol. | Atomic Number. | Atomic Weight. | | |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|----|---------|
| Aluminium | Al | 13 | 26·97 | Neon | Ne | 10 | 20·183 |
| Antimony | Sb | 51 | 121·76 | Nickel | Ni | 28 | 58·69 |
| Argon | A | 18 | 39·944 | Niobium (Colum- bium) | Nb | 41 | 92·91 |
| Arsenic | As | 33 | 74·91 | Nitrogen | N | 7 | 14·008 |
| Barium | Ba | 56 | 137·36 | Osmium | Os | 76 | 190·2 |
| Beryllium | Be | 4 | 9·02 | Oxygen | O | 8 | 16·0000 |
| Bismuth | Bi | 83 | 209·00 | Palladium | Pd | 46 | 106·7 |
| Boron | B | 5 | 10·82 | Phosphorus | P | 15 | 30·98 |
| Bromine | Br | 35 | 79·916 | Platinum | Pt | 78 | 195·23 |
| Cadmium | Cd | 48 | 112·41 | Potassium | K | 19 | 39·096 |
| Cæsium | Cs | 55 | 132·91 | Praseodymium | Pr | 59 | 140·92 |
| Calcium | Ca | 20 | 40·08 | Protoactinium | Pa | 91 | 231 |
| Carbon | C | 6 | 12·010 | Radium | Ra | 88 | 226·05 |
| Cerium | Ce | 58 | 140·13 | Radon | Rn | 86 | 222 |
| Chlorine | Cl | 17 | 35·457 | Rhenium | Re | 75 | 186·31 |
| Chromium | Cr | 24 | 52·01 | Rhodium | Rh | 45 | 102·91 |
| Cobalt | Co | 27 | 58·94 | Rubidium | Rb | 37 | 85·48 |
| Copper | Cu | 29 | 63·54 | Ruthenium | Ru | 44 | 101·7 |
| Dysprosium | Dy | 66 | 162·46 | Samarium | Sm | 62 | 150·43 |
| Erbium | Er | 68 | 167·2 | Scandium | Sc | 21 | 45·10 |
| Europium | Eu | 63 | 152·0 | Selenium | Se | 34 | 78·96 |
| Fluorine | F | 9 | 19·00 | Silicon | Si | 14 | 28·06 |
| Gadolinium | Gd | 64 | 156·9 | Silver | Ag | 47 | 107·880 |
| Gallium | Ga | 31 | 69·72 | Sodium | Na | 11 | 22·997 |
| Germanium | Ge | 32 | 72·60 | Strontium | Sr | 38 | 87·63 |
| Gold | Au | 79 | 197·2 | Sulphur | S | 16 | 32·066 |
| Hafnium | Hf | 72 | 178·6 | Tantalum | Ta | 73 | 180·88 |
| Helium | He | 2 | 4·003 | Tellurium | Te | 52 | 127·61 |
| Holmium | Ho | 67 | 164·94 | Terbium | Tb | 65 | 159·2 |
| Hydrogen | H | 1 | 1·0080 | Thallium | Tl | 81 | 204·39 |
| Indium | In | 49 | 114·76 | Thorium | Th | 90 | 232·12 |
| Iodine | I | 53 | 126·92 | Thulium | Tm | 69 | 169·4 |
| Iridium | Ir | 77 | 193·1 | Tin | Sn | 50 | 118·70 |
| Iron | Fe | 26 | 55·85 | Titanium | Ti | 22 | 47·90 |
| Krypton | Kr | 36 | 83·7 | Tungsten | W | 74 | 183·92 |
| Lanthanum | La | 57 | 138·92 | Uranium | U | 92 | 238·07 |
| Lead | Pb | 82 | 207·21 | Vanadium | V | 23 | 50·95 |
| Lithium | Li | 3 | 6·940 | Xenon | Xe | 54 | 131·3 |
| Lutecium | Lu | 71 | 174·99 | Ytterbium | Yb | 70 | 173·04 |
| Magnesium | Mg | 12 | 24·32 | Yttrium | Y | 39 | 88·92 |
| Manganese | Mn | 25 | 54·93 | Zinc | Zn | 30 | 65·38 |
| Mercury | Hg | 80 | 200·61 | Zirconium | Zr | 40 | 91·22 |
| Molybdenum | Mo | 42 | 95·95 | | | | |
| Neodymium | Nd | 60 | 144·27 | | | | |