Calculating the Mass of Compounds

Molecular Compounds

- Atoms linked together in discrete, electrically neutral particles
 - O₂, CO₂
- The mass of molecular compounds is called **molecular mass**

Ionic Compounds

- Composed of ions
 - HCI, CuSO₄
- The mass of ionic compounds is called formula mass

Calculating

 The molecular or formula mass of a compound is the sum of the average atomic masses of the atoms in a chemical formula

Example

• C₉H₈O₄

mass =
$$9C + 8H + 4O$$

= $9(12.01 \text{ u}) + 8(1.01 \text{ u}) + 4(16.00 \text{ u})$
= 180 u