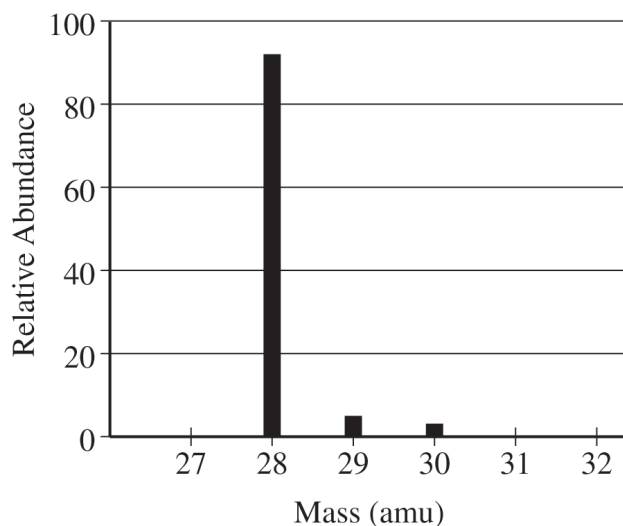


2. Answer the following questions about the element Si and some of its compounds.

(a) The mass spectrum of a pure sample of Si is shown below.



(i) How many protons and how many neutrons are in the nucleus of an atom of the most abundant isotope of Si ?

(ii) Write the ground-state electron configuration of Si.

Two compounds that contain Si are SiO_2 and SiH_4 .

(b) At 161 K, SiH_4 boils but SiO_2 remains as a solid. Using principles of interparticle forces, explain the difference in boiling points.

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At high temperatures, SiH_4 decomposes to form solid silicon and hydrogen gas.

(c) Write a balanced equation for the reaction.

A table of absolute entropies of some substances is given below.

Substance	S° (J/(mol · K))
$\text{H}_2(g)$	131
$\text{Si}(s)$	18
$\text{SiH}_4(g)$	205

(d) Explain why the absolute molar entropy of $\text{Si}(s)$ is less than that of $\text{H}_2(g)$.

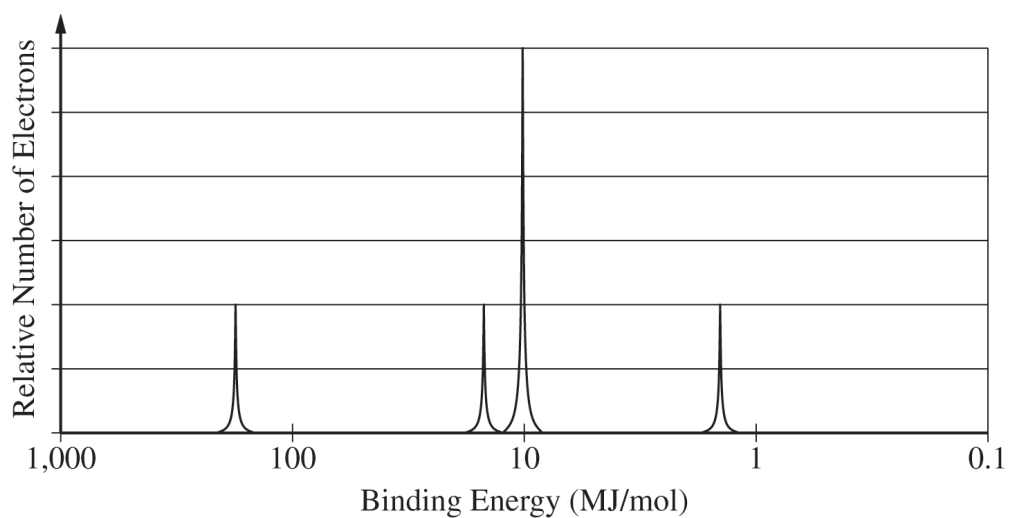
(e) Calculate the value, in J/(mol · K), of ΔS° for the reaction.

(f) The reaction is thermodynamically favorable at all temperatures. Explain why the reaction occurs only at high temperatures.

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(g) A partial photoelectron spectrum of pure Si is shown below. On the spectrum, draw the missing peak that corresponds to the electrons in the $3p$ sublevel.



(h) Using principles of atomic structure, explain why the first ionization energy of Ge is lower than that of Si.

(i) A single photon with a wavelength of $4.00 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ is absorbed by the Si sample. Calculate the energy of the photon in joules.

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