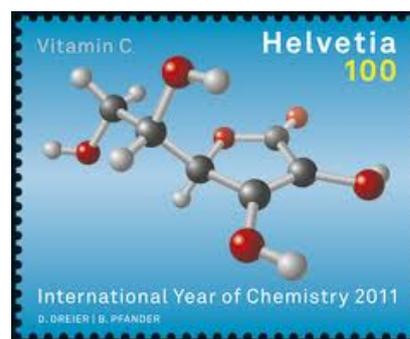
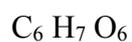
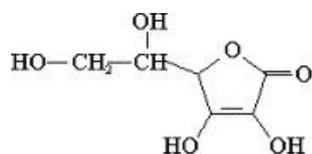


# APPLIED CHEMISTRY

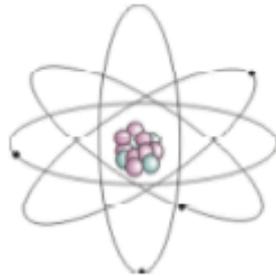


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„Today, science means a valid method of explaining the observed reality. The well-founded disciplines of modern science are in a way related to Buddhism since Buddhist philosophy also searches and establishes truth through rational analysis, similar to that of science.“

H.H. The Dalai Lama, 2002

### Science meets Dharma: Introduction



#### How does Science work?

- 1. Model of reality /observation
- ↓
- 2. Hypothesis (to explain observation)
- ↓
- 3. Control experiment
- ↓
- 4. Results
- ↓
- 5. New model of reality

It is important to document so other people can follow and repeat the experiment!

#### ཚན་རིག་གི་འདུ་ལམ་གྱི་ཡོད་དམ།

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# 1 What is **Chemistry** རྗེས་འགྲུར་ཚན་རིག།

## **Definition**

Chemistry is the study of **matter** with its **properties** and **transformation** of materials (chemical reactions).

All known matter – gas, liquid and solid – is composed of chemical elements or of compounds made from those elements.

All living processes are controlled by chemical reactions.

Chemistry is sometimes called „the central science“ because it *connects physics with other natural sciences such as astronomy, geology and biology.*

## **2 Historical Abstract**

### **Early chemical abilities:**

Ancient civilizations were able to make pottery and glazes, to ferment beer and wine, to prepare pigments for cosmetics and painting, to extract metals from ores, to extract chemicals from plants for medicine and perfume. But also cheese making, dying cloth, tanning leather, rendering fat into soap, making glass, and making alloys like bronze.

### **Alchemy - precursor of modern Chemistry**

Alchemists discovered pure metals such as gold, silver, copper, iron, lead, mercury and developed separation and purification methods. They searched for the *Philosopher's Stone* which was believed to transform cheap metals into gold by mere touch. The separation processes were not understood as such, but seen as a transformation.

### **Questions:**

- ❖ how can chemistry be defined?
- ❖ Compare the definition of Chemistry with the definition of Physics <sup>1</sup>

## **3. Properties of Matter**

### **Ancient elements system - earth, water, air and fire**

Early Buddhism differentiated physical things into four elements, which are sensed in terms of *solidity or inertia (earth), cohesion (water), expansion or vibration (air) and heat or energy content (fire).*

The Buddha's teaching on the four elements is to be understood as the base of all observation of real sensations. A derivative group of the four are color, smell, taste, and nutriment.

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<sup>1</sup> Physics is a branch of science concerned with the properties of matter and energy and the relationships between them. It

Can the western scientific view seen as an analogy to this?

^ **The states of aggregation – a physical view**

- ^ solid state
- ^ liquid state
- ^ gaseous state                      and a 4<sup>th</sup> state: plasma (electrically charged gas)

**Properties of a substance (matter)**

We examine different substances systematically: How do they react? What do we observe?

རྒྱ་རྩམ་གྱི་ཁྲུང་ཚོས་ཁག། (འབེམ་གཟུགས།)  
 ང་ཚོས་རྒྱ་རྩམ་འདྲ་མིན་གོ་རིམ་ལྡན་པའི་རྩོམ་བཟླག་ཞིབ་ནན་པོ་བྱེད།  
 རྒྱ་རྩམ་འདི་རྣམས་ཇི་ལྟར་འགྱུར་གྱི་འདུག་གས།  
 ང་ཚོའི་ག་རེ་མཐོང་གི་འདུག་གས།

Properties ཁྲུང་ཚོས་རྣམས།	Salt ལྷ། (Sodium Chloride)	Alcohol ཚང་རག།	Iron ལྷགས།
Color/ smell ཚོན་མདོག་དང་རྩི་མ།			
State of matter (solid, liquid, gaseous) (སྤག་ཟུགས། གཤེར་གཟུགས། རླུང་གཟུགས།)			
Flammability མི་སོགས་འབར་སྐྱ་བའི་རང་བཞིན།			
Conductor of heat and electricity རྫོད་འཁྱུད་རྒྱོག་འཁྱུད་གྱི་དང་བཞིན།			
Boiling point ཁོལ་ཚད།			
Melting point བཞུར་ཚད།			
Magnetism ཁབ་ལེན་རྩིའི་རང་བཞིན།			

synoptic (english and Tibetan) texts adapted by Heinz Winzeler (original Adrian Wirth, translation Lhundup Dorjee)

## 4. Types of Mixtures

- △ A mixture is a combination of pure substances.
- △ Each substance remains in its original pure form. But each of it is not always easy to see distinctly once the mixture is made.

Main component	Solid	Liquid	gas
Side component			
Solid	Mixture, alloys	Suspension e.g. sand in water, gel	Aerosol, smoke, dust,
Liquid	e.g. dough, soil,	emulsion	Aerosol fog, mist, vapor, cloud
gas	foam, e.g. whipped cream	suspension	Gas mixture

### 4.1 Homogeneous mixtures

Individual components are **not visible** in the mixture, the matter is **uniform**

#### a) solid homogeneous mixtures

examples:

- △ brass is a yellow metal containing copper and zinc
- △ bronze is an alloy of copper and up to one third of tin
- △ stainless steel is an alloy containing iron and chromium

#### b) Liquid homogeneous mixtures

examples:

- △ Homogenized milk is a mixture of water, fat and proteins.
- △ sea water is water containing salt,
- △ sugar water, syrup, filtered apple juice

#### 1. gaseous homogeneous mixtures

examples:

- △ air is an (invisible) mixture of nitrogen (78%) and oxygen (21 %). plus 0.9 % Argon, 0.04 % CO<sub>2</sub>
- △ Halogen bulbs contain a mixture of iodine and argon
- △ Exhaust gas of an engine or heating oven contains nitrogen, CO<sub>2</sub>, and water vapour
- △ Brass, salt water, diluted alcohol, soda water under pressure, explosive gas

### 4.2 Heterogeneous Mixtures

individual substances **are visible** in the mixture. Suspensions with particles less than 0.5 μm is a colloid, otherwise it is heterogeneous.

Suspension (visible particles) – colloid (microscopic droplets) - solution

- △ Examples: Gravel and sand, sand in water, oil in water/water in oil, foam, smoke in air

### 4.3 Separation of mixtures

**Mixtures** can be separated into two or more substances by mechanical or physical means. Heterogeneous substances are always mixtures. Homogeneous mixtures are not easy to detect as such.

▲ **Pure or chemical substance**

is a form of matter that has constant chemical composition and characteristic properties. It cannot be separated into components by physical separation methods, i.e. without breaking chemical bonds. They can be solids, liquids or gases.

e.g. table salt, sugar, ice, acetone, carbon dioxide, ..

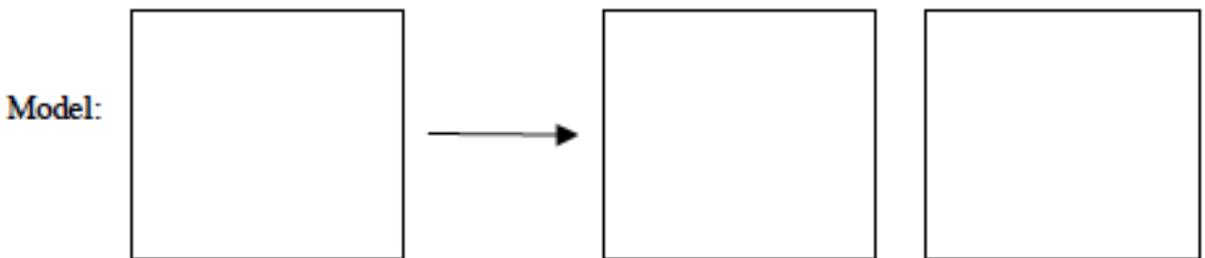
→ distinguish in above terms: coffee, steam, salad sauce, methane gas, tea, sugar,

**Pure Substances** ལྷན་པ་ད་ཀྱི་ཇུས་ལག་།

Different meanings of "pure" or Purity ལྷན་པའི་དཀྱིག་དོན་འདྲ་མིན།

Everyday life དུས་ཀྱི་ན་མི་ཚེའི་ནང་།	Dharma ནང་ཚེས་ནང་།	Science ཚན་རིག་ནང་།

Pure substance in Chemistry means: ཇུས་ལག་པ་ཚན་རིག་ནང་ལྷན་པའི་དཀྱིག་དོན།



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### 5. Obtaining pure Substances: Separation of Mixtures

Isolating and purification of pure substances are very important processes in chemistry.

#### Basic Techniques for Separating Mixtures

གཞི་རྩའི་ཚུལ་གྱི་ཐུན་མོང་མ་ཡིན་པའི་འདྲིས་མ་དབྱེ་འབྲེད་ཐབས་ཚུལ།

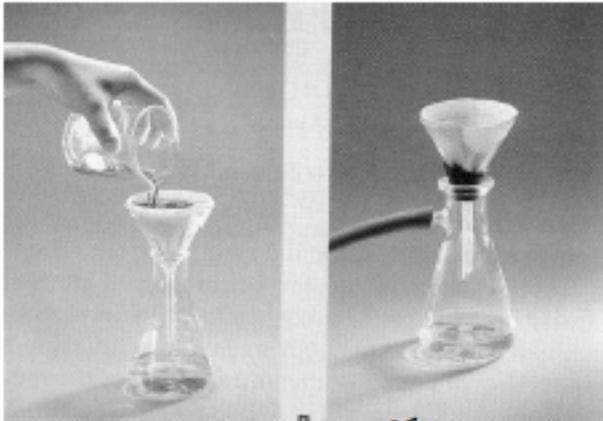


Fig. 1: Filtration འཚགས་སྒྲོམ།

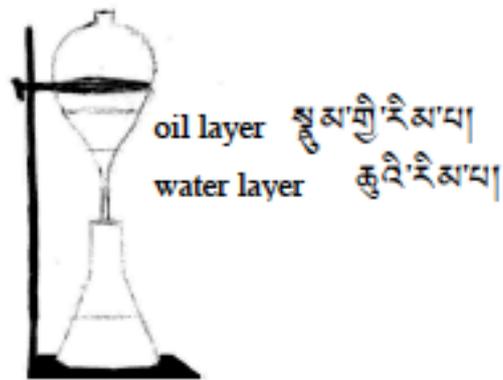


Fig. 2: Extraction འཐེན་སྒྲོམ།

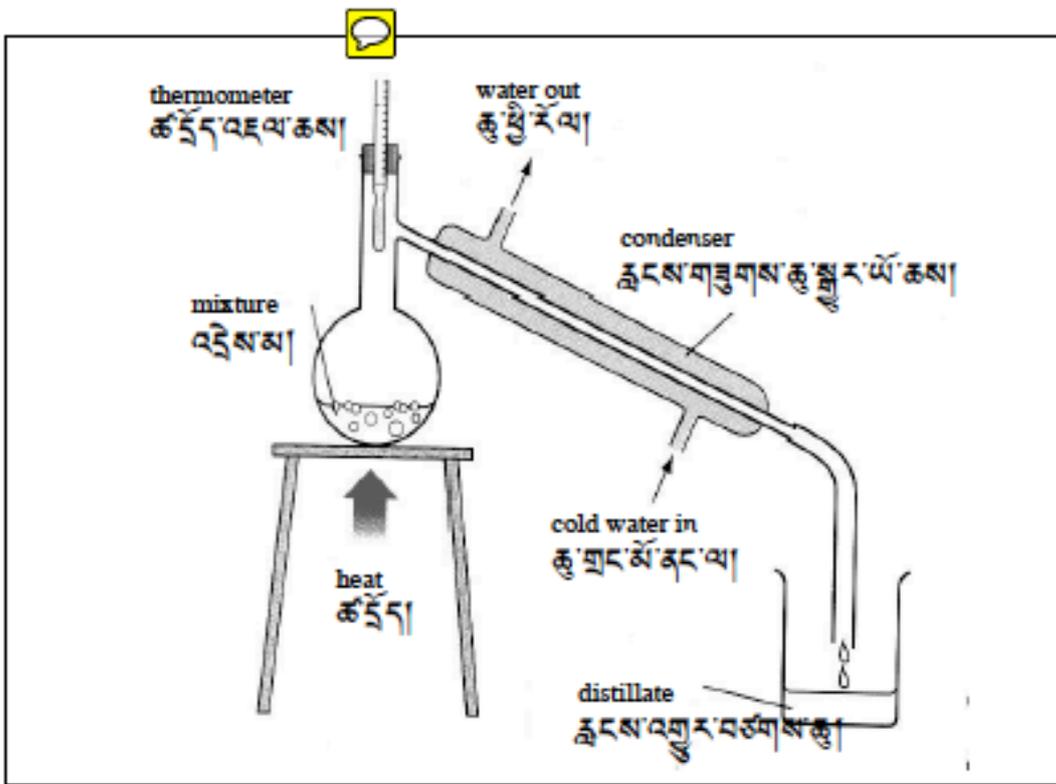


Fig.3: Distillation རྒྱུ་ལྷི་འགྲུར་བཅགས་ཚུ།

## 6. Chemical Elements

### 6.1 Elements and compounds

#### Elements and compounds

Using chemical methods, a pure substance can still be further dissected. The smallest particles that can't be further dissected are called atoms (simplification!). A substance made out of the same kind of atoms is called an element.

#### ཁམས་རྒྱུ་དང་ལྗོངས་རྒྱུ

ཞིན་མེད་རྒྱུ་ནམས་རྒྱུ་འགྲུར་གྱི་གཙམ་ལམ་མེད་ལྗོངས་  
བཟང་གི་དུང་རྒྱུ་འོར་དུམ་གྱི་ལྗོངས་ མཐའ་མའི་དུམ་ལྗོངས་  
ལྷན་པའི་རྒྱུ་འདི་ཚོ་ལ་ཞེ་ལོ་ལ་ ཡང་ན་ རྒྱུ་ལ་རྒྱུ་ཞེས་  
གྱི་ཡོད། རྒྱུ་གང་གི་དུམ་རྒྱུ་གི་རྒྱུ་ལ་གཅིག་གི་ལྗོངས་  
པ་ན་ཁམས་རྒྱུ་ཞེས་ཟེར།

Model:  
དཔེ་གཞུགས།



In science, is water considered an element?  
=> water electrolysis

ཚན་རིག་ནང་རྒྱ་དེ་ཁམས་རྒྱུ་ཞིང་སྐྱུ་གཏོགས་མཁུ།  
=> རྒྱུ་ཞོག་བཞེ་ལ་དུམ་ལྗོངས་

### 6.2 The discovery of elements

An element is a chemical substance that is made up of a particular kind of atoms and hence cannot be broken down or transformed by a chemical reaction into a different element.

~1670 dicovery of **phosphorus** - the chemical element with symbol **P** (this happened upon a trial to transfer urine to gold). It took 200 years until P is industrially used e.g. for matches.

1770 *Carl Scheele* discovered 8 further elements: chlorine Cl, fluorine F, manganese Mn, barium Ba, molybdenum Mb, tungsten (wolfram) W, nitrogen N, oxygen O and many useful compounds, such as ammonia, glycerol, tannic acid, chlorine as bleaching agent, etc.

He demonstrated the role of oxygen in the rusting of metals or in respiration and explained combustion (before a „phlogiston theory“ postulated that materials released a substance called phlogiston when burned).

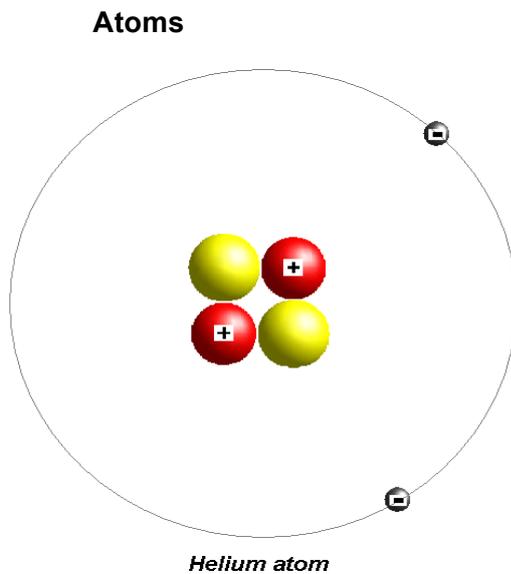
1789 *Antoine Lavoisier* discovered that sulfur S is an element, which before was assumed to be a compound. Thorough weighing with all experiments he found, that although matter can change its state in a chemical reaction, the total mass of matter remains constant despite chemical change. Lavoisier formulated

- ^ **the law of conservation of mass.**

Lavoisier investigated the composition of water and air:

- ^ **water** is a *compound* of two elements (oxygen and hydrogen)
- ^ **air** was a *mixture* of gases (primarily nitrogen and oxygen).

### 6.3 Atoms, elements, ions, isotopes



**Nucleus:**

protons (positively charged particle) and neutrons  
 e.g. hydrogen H 1 proton + 1 neutron  
 helium He 2 protons +2 neutrons

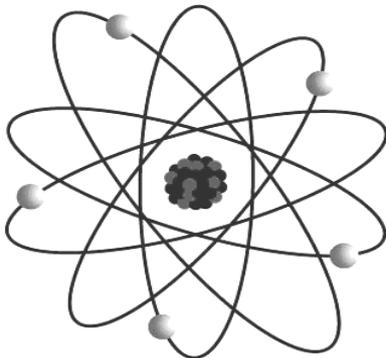
**Shell:**

electron (negatively charged)  
 e.g. hydrogen H 1 electron  
 Helium He 2 electrons

Diameter of an atom  $\sim 1$  Ångström (Å) =  $10^{-10}$  m  
 diameter of a nucleus  $\sim 1$  fm (femtometer) =  $10^{-15}$  m  
 (a grain of dust of 10  $\mu$ m in a ball of 1 m diameter)

Materia consists of atoms, the mass is concentrated on extremely small points

→ As a matter of fact this is an other case of *emptiness and interdependence* !



→ Which type of atom / element is this?

**Ions**

Some elements and molecules can collect or release electrons to another element or molecule. Then these particles become negatively or positively charged. Charged atoms or molecules are called an **ion**

e.g.	H	- 1 electron	=	H <sup>+</sup>
	O	+ 2 electrons	=	O <sup>2-</sup>

**Isotopes**

There exist variants of certain atoms with different atomic weights, while they have the same atomic number.

### 6.4 The Periodic Table of Chemical Elements

#### Notation of chemical elements

In 1828 *Berzelius*, a Swedish chemist compiled a table of relative atomic weights.

He developed the **Notation of chemical elements**, a system in which the elements were given simple written labels—such as O for oxygen, or Fe (Latin ferrum) for iron.

The most important Symbols are: གལ་ཆེ་ཤོས་མཚོན་རྟགས་ནམས་ནི།

H	K	Zn
C	Ca	Sn
N	Cl	F
Na	Ag	Cu
O	Au	Fe
S	Hg	

The proportion of an element in a compound is noted in subscript numbers.

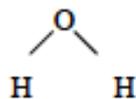
**Formulas** show information about the molecules or compounds: Which elements are involved, how many atoms of each element and how the atoms are bonded with each other.

སྒྲིབ་ཐབས་ནམས་ཀྱི་བསྟུ་ས་རྒྱལ་ལམ་བསྐྱེ་བས་ཇུས་ཀྱི་གནས་ཚུལ་སྟོན་གྱི་ཡིད། ཁམས་ཇུས་ག་རེ་འཚུད་ཀྱི་ཡིད་མེད། ཁམས་ཇུས་རེ་རེ་འུལ་ཕྲན་ག་ཚོད་དང་འུལ་ཕྲན་ལན་ཚུན་ག་འབྲེམ་བྱུང་ཡིད་མེད་བཅས་སྟོན་གྱི་ཡིད།

*Example of formulas:*

སྒྲིབ་ཐབས་ཁ་ཤས་ཀྱི་དཔེ་མཚོན།

Water: H<sub>2</sub>O



ལྷ།

Salt: NaCl

ཚ།

ཐུལ་ཐོན་གྱི་ལྗོངས་ཚད་ (ལྗོངས་ཐོན་ལེན་) རྣམས་  
གཤམས་ཕྱོགས་སྐད་གི་སྒྲིལ་ ཁམས་ཇམས་གྱི་  
སུ་ཁག་རྣམས་ལ་ཚོན་འདྲ་མིན་བཤད་སྟོན་གྱི་དུང་།

## Periodic Table

Mendelejew (St. Petersburg, 1860) classified the elements according to their

- atomic weight and
- chemical properties.

He observed a certain periodicity, repeating properties in every 8<sup>th</sup> position.

Assembling in periods of 7 and groups he presented the *periodic system of elements*

- atoms are arranged by increasing weight of atoms in horizontal arrays
- common properties are grouped vertically.

# Periodic Table of Elements

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18												
1 <b>H</b> Hydrogen 1.00794	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p><b>C</b> Solid</p> <p><b>Hg</b> Liquid</p> <p><b>H</b> Gas</p> <p><b>Rf</b> Unknown</p> </div> <div style="width: 60%; text-align: center;"> <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Metals</th> <th colspan="2">Nonmetals</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Alkali metals</td> <td>Alkaline earth metals</td> <td>Other nonmetals</td> <td>Noble gases</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lanthanoids</td> <td>Actinoids</td> <td>Transition metals</td> <td>Poor metals</td> </tr> </table> </div> </div>																Metals		Nonmetals		Alkali metals	Alkaline earth metals	Other nonmetals	Noble gases	Lanthanoids	Actinoids	Transition metals	Poor metals	2 <b>He</b> Helium 4.002602
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Lanthanoids	Actinoids	Transition metals	Poor metals																										
3 <b>Li</b> Lithium 6.941	4 <b>Be</b> Beryllium 9.012182	5 <b>B</b> Boron 10.811	6 <b>C</b> Carbon 12.0107	7 <b>N</b> Nitrogen 14.0067	8 <b>O</b> Oxygen 15.9994	9 <b>F</b> Fluorine 18.9984032	10 <b>Ne</b> Neon 20.1797	11 <b>Na</b> Sodium 22.98976928	12 <b>Mg</b> Magnesium 24.3050	13 <b>Al</b> Aluminum 26.9815386	14 <b>Si</b> Silicon 28.0855	15 <b>P</b> Phosphorus 30.973762	16 <b>S</b> Sulfur 32.065	17 <b>Cl</b> Chlorine 35.453	18 <b>Ar</b> Argon 39.948														
19 <b>K</b> Potassium 39.0983	20 <b>Ca</b> Calcium 40.078	21 <b>Sc</b> Scandium 44.955912	22 <b>Ti</b> Titanium 47.887	23 <b>V</b> Vanadium 50.9415	24 <b>Cr</b> Chromium 51.9961	25 <b>Mn</b> Manganese 54.938045	26 <b>Fe</b> Iron 55.845	27 <b>Co</b> Cobalt 58.933195	28 <b>Ni</b> Nickel 58.9334	29 <b>Cu</b> Copper 63.546	30 <b>Zn</b> Zinc 65.38	31 <b>Ga</b> Gallium 69.723	32 <b>Ge</b> Germanium 72.64	33 <b>As</b> Arsenic 74.92160	34 <b>Se</b> Selenium 78.96	35 <b>Br</b> Bromine 79.904	36 <b>Kr</b> Krypton 83.798												
37 <b>Rb</b> Rubidium 85.4678	38 <b>Sr</b> Strontium 87.62	39 <b>Y</b> Yttrium 88.90585	40 <b>Zr</b> Zirconium 91.224	41 <b>Nb</b> Niobium 92.90638	42 <b>Mo</b> Molybdenum 95.96	43 <b>Tc</b> Technetium (97.9072)	44 <b>Ru</b> Ruthenium 101.07	45 <b>Rh</b> Rhodium 102.90550	46 <b>Pd</b> Palladium 106.42	47 <b>Ag</b> Silver 107.8682	48 <b>Cd</b> Cadmium 112.411	49 <b>In</b> Indium 114.818	50 <b>Sn</b> Tin 118.710	51 <b>Sb</b> Antimony 121.760	52 <b>Te</b> Tellurium 127.60	53 <b>I</b> Iodine 126.90447	54 <b>Xe</b> Xenon 131.293												
55 <b>Cs</b> Caesium 132.9054519	56 <b>Ba</b> Barium 137.327	57-71		72 <b>Hf</b> Hafnium 178.49	73 <b>Ta</b> Tantalum 180.94788	74 <b>W</b> Tungsten 183.84	75 <b>Re</b> Rhenium 186.207	76 <b>Os</b> Osmium 190.23	77 <b>Ir</b> Iridium 192.217	78 <b>Pt</b> Platinum 195.084	79 <b>Au</b> Gold 196.966569	80 <b>Hg</b> Mercury 200.59	81 <b>Tl</b> Thallium 204.3833	82 <b>Pb</b> Lead 207.2	83 <b>Bi</b> Bismuth 208.98040	84 <b>Po</b> Polonium (209)	85 <b>At</b> Astatine (209)	86 <b>Rn</b> Radon (222.0175)											
87 <b>Fr</b> Francium (223)	88 <b>Ra</b> Radium (226)	89-103		104 <b>Rf</b> Rutherfordium (261)	105 <b>Db</b> Dubnium (262)	106 <b>Sg</b> Seaborgium (266)	107 <b>Bh</b> Bohrium (264)	108 <b>Hs</b> Hassium (277)	109 <b>Mt</b> Meitnerium (268)	110 <b>Ds</b> Darmstadtium (271)	111 <b>Rg</b> Roentgenium (272)	112 <b>Uub</b> Ununbium (285)	113 <b>Uut</b> Ununtrium (284)	114 <b>Uuq</b> Ununquadium (289)	115 <b>Uup</b> Ununpentium (288)	116 <b>Uuh</b> Ununhexium (282)	117 <b>Uus</b> Ununseptium	118 <b>Uuo</b> Ununoctium (284)											

For elements with no stable isotopes, the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life is in parentheses.

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57 <b>La</b> Lanthanum 138.90547	58 <b>Ce</b> Cerium 140.116	59 <b>Pr</b> Praseodymium 140.90765	60 <b>Nd</b> Neodymium 144.242	61 <b>Pm</b> Promethium (145)	62 <b>Sm</b> Samarium 150.36	63 <b>Eu</b> Europium 151.964	64 <b>Gd</b> Gadolinium 157.25	65 <b>Tb</b> Terbium 158.92535	66 <b>Dy</b> Dysprosium 162.500	67 <b>Ho</b> Holmium 164.93032	68 <b>Er</b> Erbium 167.259	69 <b>Tm</b> Thulium 168.93421	70 <b>Yb</b> Ytterbium 173.054	71 <b>Lu</b> Lutetium 174.967
89 <b>Ac</b> Actinium (227)	90 <b>Th</b> Thorium 232.03806	91 <b>Pa</b> Protactinium 231.03588	92 <b>U</b> Uranium 238.02891	93 <b>Np</b> Neptunium (237)	94 <b>Pu</b> Plutonium (244)	95 <b>Am</b> Americium (243)	96 <b>Cm</b> Curium (247)	97 <b>Bk</b> Berkelium (247)	98 <b>Cf</b> Californium (251)	99 <b>Es</b> Einsteinium (252)	100 <b>Fm</b> Fermium (257)	101 <b>Md</b> Mendelevium (258)	102 <b>No</b> Nobelium (259)	103 <b>Lr</b> Lawrencium (262)

All elements up to Uranium No 92 are naturally occurring. Those beyond are artificially composed.

## Atomic number

Atomic number stands for the number of protons in an element atom, e.g. Hydrogen (H): 1 proton, Helium (He) 2 protons, Beryllium (Be) contains 3 protons, iron (Fe) with 26 protons etc

- QUESTIONS:
- Which atomic number has nitrogen N?
  - How many of the elements are metals, noble gases, non-metals?
  - Which elements are liquid and which ones in gaseous state ?



## 6.6 Isotopes, radioactivity

**Isotopes** (from Greek *isos* = equal and *topos* = place) are variants of chemical elements with a given number of protons (atomic number) but different number of neutrons. Different isotopes of a single element occupy the same position on the periodic table. Each isotope of a given element has a different mass number.

Hydrogen for example exists in three isotopes of the element hydrogen H: hydrogen-1 (99.98 %), hydrogen-2 (deuterium) and hydrogen-3 (tritium).

Water formed of H-2 (D or deuterium, D<sub>2</sub>O) instead of H is called *heavy water*.

Carbon-12, carbon-13 and carbon-14 have the same atomic number 6, which means that every carbon atom has 6 protons, but the number of neutrons of these isotopes are 6, 7 and 8 respectively.

Oxygen exists in isotopes O-16 and O-18, nitrogen as N-14 and 15.

Uranium: naturally occurring isotopes are U-238 (99.3 %) and U-235 (0.7%)

Many isotopes are not stable, they decay into lighter elements. Such elements exhibit radioactivity (continuous disintegration).

**Radioactivity** is exhibited by several naturally occurring elements, including radium and uranium. Some isotopes of lighter elements, such as carbon-14 are used in radioactive dating. Radioactivity may also be induced, or created artificially, by bombarding the nuclei of normally stable elements in a particle accelerator. **Radioactive decay** shows three types of rays: alpha, beta, and gamma rays.

**Alpha rays** are nuclei of ordinary helium atoms. Alpha decay reduces the atomic weight, or mass number.

For example, decay of uranium-238 is followed by loss of alpha particles. This produces radioactive thorium. The alpha decay reduces the atomic number of the nucleus by 2 and the mass number by 4

**Beta rays** are high-speed electrons. In beta decay a neutron within the nucleus changes to a proton. The electron is immediately ejected from the nucleus, and the net result is an increase of 1 in the atomic number of the nucleus but no change in the mass number. The thorium-234 produced above experiences two successive beta decays.

**Gamma rays** have very great penetrating power and are not affected at all by a magnetic field. They move at the speed of light and have a very short wavelength (or high frequency); thus they are a type of electromagnetic radiation accompanies alpha or beta decay and affects neither the atomic number nor the mass number of the nucleus.

# 7 Chemical bonds

Most atoms can join with other atoms through chemical bonds to form molecules. Chemical reactions can change molecules to form new bounds and molecules.



## 7.1 Covalent bonds

Atoms feel more comfortable when their outer shell (Orbit) is full. The state with a full outer shell is called *noble gas configuration*. Noble gases are very stable elements and they don't react with other elements. In other words, atoms share electrons in order to achieve a stable electron structure.

## མཉམ་སྦྲོད་ལྷན་སྦྲུལ་གྱི་འབྲེལ་

རྒྱལ་སྤྱོད་ཚོལ་ཕྱིའི་འཁོར་ལམ་ནམས་ཆ་ཚང་གང་གི་ཡིན་ན་འདྲེ་པོ་ཡོད་ཀྱི་ཕྱིའི་འཁོར་ལམ་ཆ་ཚང་གང་གི་གནས་སྡངས་དེ་ལ་བཟང་རྒྱུ་དུ་གི་ཆགས་དབྱིབས་ཟེར། བཟང་རྒྱུ་དུ་ནམས་ནི་ཉ་ཅང་བརྟན་པོ་ཡོད་པའི་ཁམས་རྣམས་ཡིན་པར་བརྟན་དེ་ཚོ་ཁམས་རྣམས་གཞན་དང་འབྲེལ་གྱི་མེད། དེ་ཡང་རྒྱལ་སྤྱོད་ཚོལ་མོ་རྒྱལ་མཉམ་སྦྲོད་བྱེད་དེ་མོ་རྒྱལ་གྱི་གཞུགས་དབྱིབས་བརྟན་པོ་ཞིག་འབྲེལ་བའོ་བས་བྱེད་གྱི་ཡོད།

A covalent bond is formed when two atoms share pairs of electrons. If the atoms share more than two electrons, double and triple bonds are formed  $H-O-H$ ,  $O=C=O$ ,  $N=N$ ,  $O=N-O$

By sharing their electrons, both atoms achieve a highly stable electron configuration corresponding to that of a noble gas. For example, in methane ( $CH_4$ ), carbon shares an electron pair with each hydrogen atom; the total number of electrons shared by carbon is eight. This corresponds to the number of electrons in the outer shell of neon; each hydrogen atom shares two electrons with the carbon atom. This corresponds to the configuration of *helium* He.

In most covalent bonds, each atom contributes one electron to the shared pair (H-H)

Examples <sup>2</sup>:

**Chlorine  $Cl_2$ :** This element is a gas composed of two chlorine atoms. Both atoms share one pair of electrons (one electron cloud).

རྒྱལ་སྤྱོད་གཉིས་ཀྱི་མཉམ་སྦྲོད་ལྷན་སྦྲུལ་གྱི་ཕྱིའི་འཁོར་ལམ་གྱི་སྤྱོད་གཉིས་ཀྱི་ཡོད། (མོ་རྒྱལ་གྱི་སྤྱོད་གཉིས་ཀྱི་ཡོད།)

**Oxygen gas molecule  $O_2$ :** Two pairs of electrons are shared. This bond is called *double bond*.

མོ་རྒྱལ་ཆ་གཉིས་མཉམ་སྦྲོད་བྱེད་པ་ན། དེ་ལ་གཉིས་ལྷན་སྦྲུལ་གྱི་ཡོད།

**Nitrogen gas molecule  $N_2$ :** Three pairs of electrons are shared. This therefore is called a triple bond.

མོ་རྒྱལ་ཆ་གསུམ་མཉམ་སྦྲོད་བྱེད་པ་ན། དེ་ལ་སྤྱོད་གསུམ་ལྷན་སྦྲུལ་གྱི་ཡོད།

<sup>2</sup> original Adrian Wirth, translation Lhundup Dorjee, adapted by Heinz Winzeler (please check the Tibetan translation)

### 7.2 The Ionic Bond

The ionic bond results from the attraction of oppositely charged ions.

Metals (e.g. sodium Na) lose their outer electrons easily, while the atoms of non-metals (e.g. chlorine Cl), tend to take up electrons. In an ionic crystal like sodium chloride (NaCl), no molecules exist: Sodium chloride is composed of Na<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> ions. Each Ion is attracted to neighboring ions of the opposite charge. Together they form a crystal.<sup>3</sup>

#### Ionic compounds

Some atoms tend to gain or lose electrons to achieve a full outer Orbit. The result is either a positive or negative charged atom. We call them ions. Positive and negative Ions are strongly attracted to each other

#### རྫས་འགྱུར་འཕྲོ་ལྗོད།

རྫས་འགྱུར་འཕྲོ་ལྗོད་ནམས་ནི་གཞུགས་དབྱིབས་ཀྱི་སྒྲུབ་བ་  
ཞིག་རེད། གནས་སྣངས་འདི་ནང་འཚུངས་པའི་རྫས་རྣམས་ཀྱི་  
གཞུགས་དབྱིབས་ལ་འགྱུར་བ་ཕྱིན་ཏེ་རྫས་གསར་བ་ཞིག་ཏུ་  
འགྱུར་གྱི་ཡོད། བསྐྱས་རྒྱལ་རྣམས་ལོགས་སུ་ཚག་སྟེ་བབས་  
ལས་གཞན་གྱི་སྒོ་ནས་ཕྱོགས་བསྐྱས་བྱེད་གྱི་ཡོད།

Example:

Sodium Na has two full Orbits (shells) and one single electron in the outer shell. This is a very unstable electron arrangement. When the sodium atom loses its outer electron, it becomes a positive Ion:

དཔེ་མཚོན། ཟེ་རླང་ལ་འཁོར་ལས་གང་མ་གཉིས་དང་ཕྱི་ལོ་འཁོར་  
ལས་ལ་མོ་རྒྱལ་གཅིག་བཅས་ཡོད། དེ་ཏང་བརྟན་པོ་མེད་པའི་  
ལྷན་སྣངས་ཞིག་རེད།  
ཟེ་རླང་རྒྱལ་ཕྱན་གྱི་ཕྱི་ལོ་མོ་རྒྱལ་རྒྱག་པ་ན་དེ་ཕོ་ལོ་སྒོ་ག་ཕྱན་རྒྱལ་  
ཕྱན་དུ་འགྱུར་གྱི་ཡོད།

Because the sodium chloride compound NaCl is made out of ions, it is called an ionic compound.

ཟེ་རླང་ཚྭ་རླངས་ཀྱི་སྒྲིབས་རྫས་དེ་ལ་གྲུས་རྒྱལ་གྱི་བཟོས་པར་བརྟེན། དེ་ལ་གྲུས་རྒྱལ་གྱི་སྒྲིབས་རྫས་ཞེས་ཟེར།

### 7.3 Metallic and Hydrogen Bonds

In metals all atoms are identical. Bonds therefore are not ionic. They form a lattice in which electrons behave like a free gas moving within the matrix (framework) of metal atoms.

This explains the good conductivity of heat and electricity.

<sup>3</sup> source: <http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/sci/A0857263.html - ixzz1bLIYnkj>

# 8 Chemical reactions

## 8.1 Chemical change

Nuclear and chemical reactions: Which elementary parts of an atom are involved in a nuclear and a chemical reaction respectively?

Chemical reactions are transformations:  
The involved substances are transformed into new substances which have other properties.  
The molecules decompose and the parts are reassembled in a new configuration. <sup>4</sup>

རྗེས་འགྱུར་འཕྲོ་ལྗོད་ནམས་ནི་གཟུགས་དབྱེ་བས་གྱི་སྒྲུབ་བ་  
ཞིག་རེད། གནས་སྤངས་འདི་ནང་འཆུང་བའི་རྗེས་ནམས་གྱི་  
གཟུགས་དབྱེ་བས་ལ་འགྱུར་བ་ཕྱིན་ཏེ་རྗེས་གསར་པ་ཞིག་ཏུ་  
འགྱུར་གྱི་ཡོད། བསྐྱེས་ཏུ་ལ་ནམས་ལོགས་སུ་ཆག་སྟེ་ཐབས་  
ལས་གཞན་གྱི་སྟོན་སྟོན་གས་བསྐྱེས་བྱེད་གྱི་ཡོད།

## 8.2 Experiments:

- a) Mixture of iron and sulphur - mixing and separation  
see video: - chemical reaction

བརྟན་དབྱུང། ལྷགས་དང་སུ་ཟེ་འདྲེས་མ།  
ཞིབ་རྟོགས།

Observation and conclusion?

- b) Steel wool on a balance  
- observation? Make a sketch:  
- explanations? འགྲེལ་བཤད།

བརྟན་དབྱུང། དྲུང་སྒྲིབ་ལ་ལ་ཉ་གའི་སྟེང་།  
ཞིབ་རྟོགས། ལྷ་རིས་བཟོས།

- c) Remember the candle experiment?  
We already know that it is not the solid or liquid  
which is burning, but the gas of the wax.  
What exactly is happening in this burning process?  
Write down all observations and make a sketch!

ཡང་སྒྲུབ། ཡང་ལ་ཡི་བརྟན་དབྱུང།  
ང་ཚོས་ཡང་ལ་ཡི་རྒྱང་གཟུགས་ཆ་ཤས་དེ་འབར་གྱི་ཡོད་པ་སྟོན་  
ནས་ཤེས་གྱི་ཡོད། དངོས་ཡོད་ཀྱི་འབར་བའི་རྒྱང་རིས་འདིའི་  
སྐབས་གའི་བྱེད་གྱི་ཡོད། ཞིབ་རྟོགས་གྱི་གཟིག་ཚུལ་ནམས་བྱིས་  
པའི་ཚོགས་རིས་སོགས་དགོས་ཚེ་བཟོ་དགོས།

4 Source: Adrian Wirth, translation Lhundup Dorjee, adapted by HW

### 8.3 Chemical Equations<sup>5</sup>

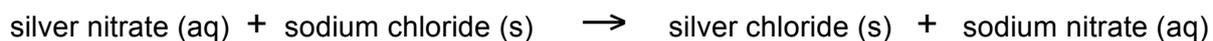
During a chemical reaction atoms are not created or destroyed. i.e. the number of atoms of each element must be the same in the *reactants* as in the *products*. The equation of elements is *balanced*. Balanced symbol and formula equations show how many molecules of reactants and products are formed.

The physical state of substances is indicated by symbols (s) for solid, (l) for liquid and (g) for gaseous state. Substances dissolved in water are indicated with (aq) for aqueous solutions.

Examples of chemical reactions are

- carbon burning in oxygen (O<sub>2</sub> in air) to form carbon dioxide
- decomposition of calcium carbonate to calcium oxide and carbon dioxide on heating
- silver nitrate solution and sodium chloride solution into silver chloride and sodium nitrate.

The balanced equations of these reactions are the following:



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<sup>5</sup> c.f. Susan Lakin and John Patefield: Essential Science for GCSE, Nelson (1998), topic 21, p.112-113

## 8.4 Hazard symbols

 (Explosive)	 (Flammable)	 (Oxidising)
 (Health hazards including carcinogens - see page 3)	 (Acutely toxic)	 (Corrosive)
 (Moderate hazard – see page 3)	 (Gas under pressure)	 (Hazardous to the aquatic environment)

Fig. 8.1 Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of classification and labeling

### Examples of products:

Explosive:	nitroglycerine, dynamite, black powder
Flammable:	lamp oil, gasoline, solvents, aerosol can, butane gas
Oxidizer:	hydrogen peroxide, bleaching agent
Health hazard:	gasoline/benzine, methanol, some etheric oils, lack
Acutely toxic:	rat poison, arsenic
Corrosive:	baking oven cleaner, strong cleaning agents, softening agent
Moderate hazard:	dishwasher tabs, javelle, cleaning material
Gas under pressure:	Propane-/ butane gas bottles, CO <sub>2</sub> -cylinders for soda water
Environmental hazard:	mold remover, motor oils, swimmingpool chemicals, insecticide

## 9 The origin of chemical elements

### 9.1 The Formation of elementary particles

The most widely accepted theory in cosmology is currently the Big Bang Theory, which was based on Einstein's General Theory of Relativity ( $E = mc^2$ ). According to this, the universe was once concentrated in a small nucleus of extremely high temperature and infinite density.

During the big bang only hydrogen, helium, and trace amounts of lithium and beryllium were formed (out of initially generated protons, neutrons and electrons).

### 9.2 The formation of further chemical elements

When stars no longer can fuse hydrogen to helium because the hydrogen fuel is exhausted, they expand into a red giant.

Three helium atoms fuse into a carbon atom, four heliums fuse into oxygen. If the core is compressed, heavier elements are formed, when the star collapses into a white dwarf. This goes up to iron (Fe), which is the most dense atoms.

Heavier chemical elements that fill the periodic table are thought to have been produced by various cosmic processes after the appearance of stars. In their depths in the thermonuclear fusion reactions gradually formed nitrogen, oxygen, carbon and heavier elements. But how elements beyond iron emerge, still remain a speculation...

Planetary **nebulae** are containing material enriched with heavy elements.



*Fig. 9.1 Cat's eye nebula*

The Cat's Eye Nebula was discovered in 1786. This picture was taken by the high-resolution Hubble telescope. In the center of the Cat's Eye there is a bright and hot star, which is 10'000 x brighter than our sun. Around 1000 years ago this star lost its outer envelope, producing the nebula.

The distance from earth is 3000 light-years.

Hydrogen is the most abundant element. It loses huge amount of material with solar wind, emitting also traces of other elements in space.

Video clip "Journey in space" authored by A. Zartha: Assembled pictures taken from the Hubble telescope (see further pictures under <http://www.hubblesite.org>)

## 10 Carbon

Carbon, symbol C, from latin: carbo = „coal“

Atomic number 6: How many electrons and protons?

There are *three naturally occurring isotopes* 12, 13, 14: how many neutrons?

### 10.1 Different forms of elementary carbon

Carbon exists naturally in 3 forms which have extremely different physical properties:

*Black carbon:* “coal”, appears naturally as a sedimentary rock, which is easily burning (anthracite coal). Other forms are charcoal, bituminous coal

*Graphite:* black, soft (pencil), good electrical conductor.

*Diamond:* highly transparent extremely hard; Diamond conducts no electricity (isolator), but has high conductivity of heat.

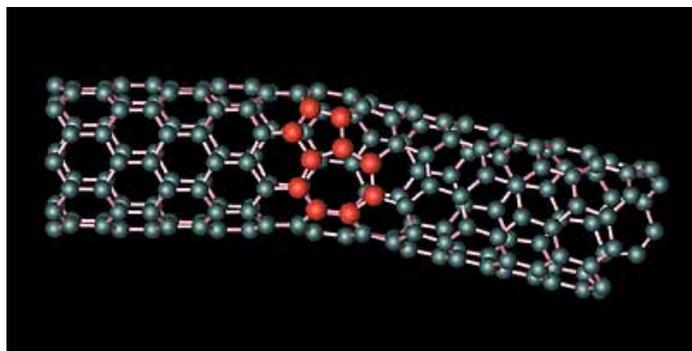


Fig. 10.1 Diamond and anthracite coal (same chemical element C !)

#### *Nanotubes and fullerenes:*

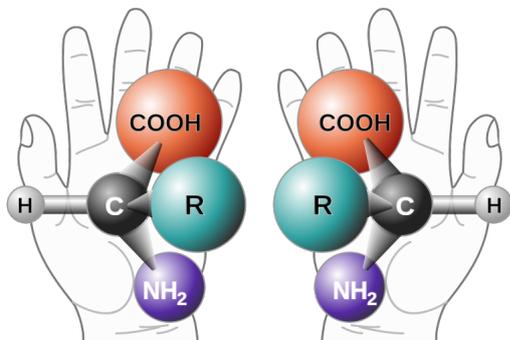
modern working materials which find applications in nanotechnology and -structures, microelectronics, energy storage, biotechnology (biosensors), catalytic chemistry

Fig. 10.2 Nanotube (Model)

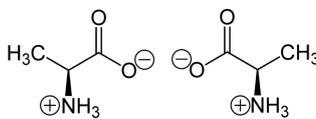


### 10.2 Tetrahedron form and chiral molecules (mirror symmetry)

- The outer shell has four electrons available to form covalent chemical bonds. Carbon therefore is a very special element because it plays a dominant role in the **chemistry of life**.



Due to the tetrahedron form with 4 electrons in the L-shell carbon is forming more compounds than any other element (almost ten million). Carbon compounds can be asymmetric and form mirror conformation L- or R-forms of molecules (chirality).



Two molecules (S)-Alanine and (R)-Alanine in ionic form.

### 10.3 Applications of carbon nanostructures in Li-Ion batteries

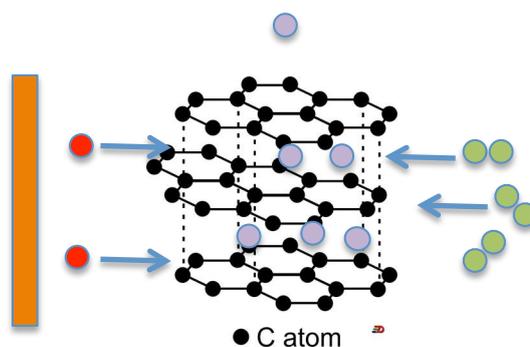
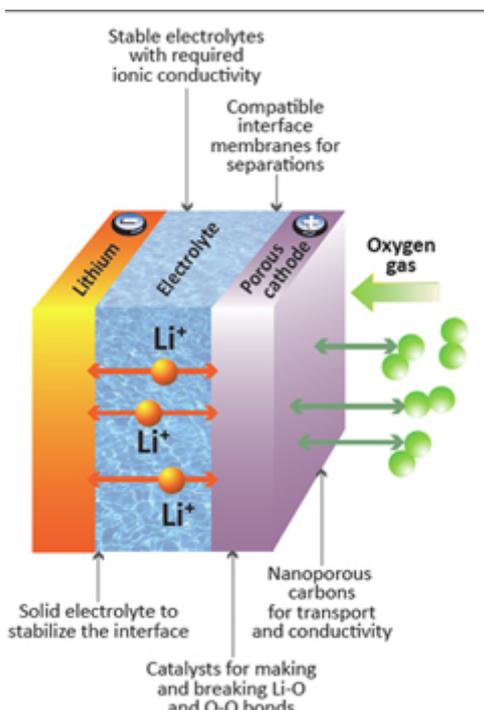
(case study: problems with Li-Batteies as a reason for the grounding of Boeing 787 "Dreamliner")



- Working principle of a battery: 2 Redox-reactions, separated by an electrolyte
- The role of an electrolyte: barrier for *electrons* (isolator) but conductivity for *ions*

The motion of Li-ions upon

discharging and charging



# ཆུའི་འདུལ་རྒྱུ་

## 11 The Water molecule

Water is an extraordinary substance. It has unusual properties because of the structure of its molecule.

At the same time it is the most common substance on our planet.

Without water, life would not be possible.

Our bodies consist of about 70% of water!

Water is liquid only over a narrow range of temperature – between 0 and 100 deg.

Celsius.

If our earth would be a little closer to the sun

Most of the water would turn into vapour.

If it would be a little bit further away, most of it would be frozen.

You know already what a water molecule looks like:

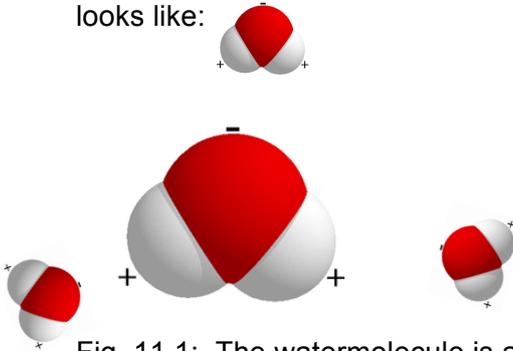


Fig. 11.1: The watermolecule is a dipole

The oxygen atom and the two hydrogen atoms are strongly held together by sharing electrons. But the electrons are not spread evenly around the molecule: Hydrogen atoms have a slightly positive and oxygen atoms a slightly negative charge, This is called a **dipole**. Water molecules have a dipole.

(Remember: The overall charge of the molecule is zero (same amount of electrons and protons, the positive and negative charge are cancelling out each other. )

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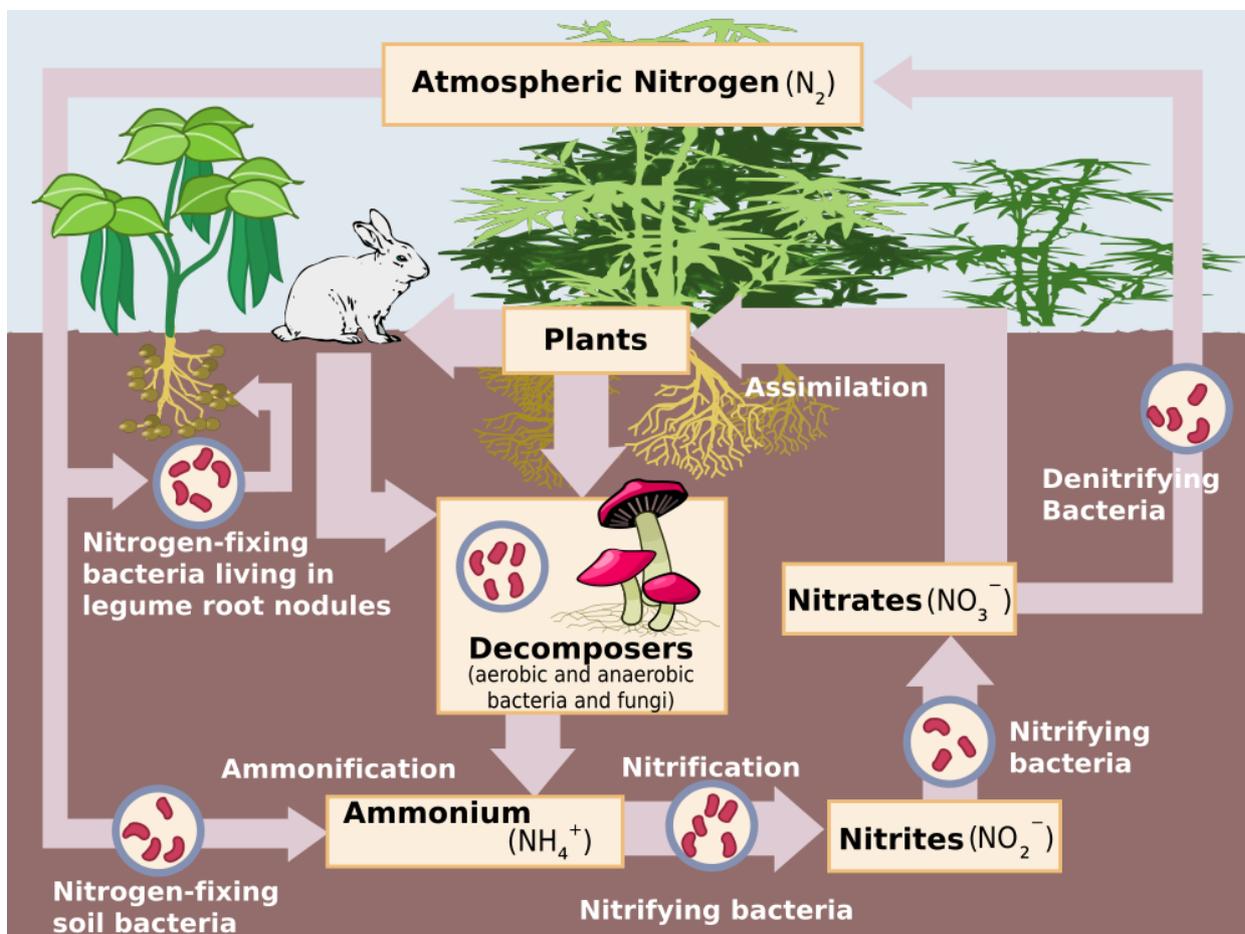
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### Electrolysis of water

→ Experiment and observations

## 12 Nitrogen

Case study: The nitrogen cycle – indispensable for our life and food production.



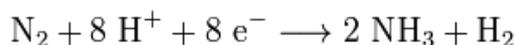
*Fig. 11.1: Nitrogen cycle between atmosphere and soil*

Plants need nitrogen for the synthesis of **amioacids** and **proteins**. Although air is composed of 4/5th of nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>), plants cannot use atmospheric nitrogen; they must use a combined or fixed form of the element such as nitrates.

Intensive agriculture uses large amounts of industrial nitrogen in the form of ammonia or nitrates (c.f. chapter 9.2)

After photosynthesis, **nitrogen fixation** (or uptake) is the second most important process for the growth and development of plants.

**Rhizobium** is a soil bacterium which has the ability to fix atmospheric nitrogen and transform it into ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) or ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>). This is a very energy intensive process.



***Symbiosis between plant roots and bacteria***

On the roots of **leguminous plants** like peas, beans, lentils and soy, the bacteria reside in nodules. The plant roots are producing amino acids and sugars and make part of it available for the nodule bacteria. This mutual profiting is called **symbiosis**.



Fig. 11.2: Nodules (habitat of nodule bacteria) on lotus trefoil roots



Fig. 11.3: Peas as representative of leguminoses

***Explaining the biochemical process:***

The rhizobia are chemically attracted and attached to root hairs. The plant then releases flavanoids, which induce the expression of *nod* genes within the bacteria. The expression of these genes results in the production of enzymes called nod factors that initiate root hair curling. During this process, the rhizobia are curled up with the root hair. The rhizobia penetrate the root hair cells with an infection thread that grows through the root hair into the main root. This causes the infected cells to divide and form a **nodule**. The rhizobia can now begin nitrogen fixation.

## 12 Photosynthesis

**Photosynthesis** is a process used by plants and other organisms to capture the **sun's energy**

- Water is split into hydrogen and oxygen.
- Hydrogen is then combined with carbon dioxide
- Carbon dioxide is absorbed from air or water.

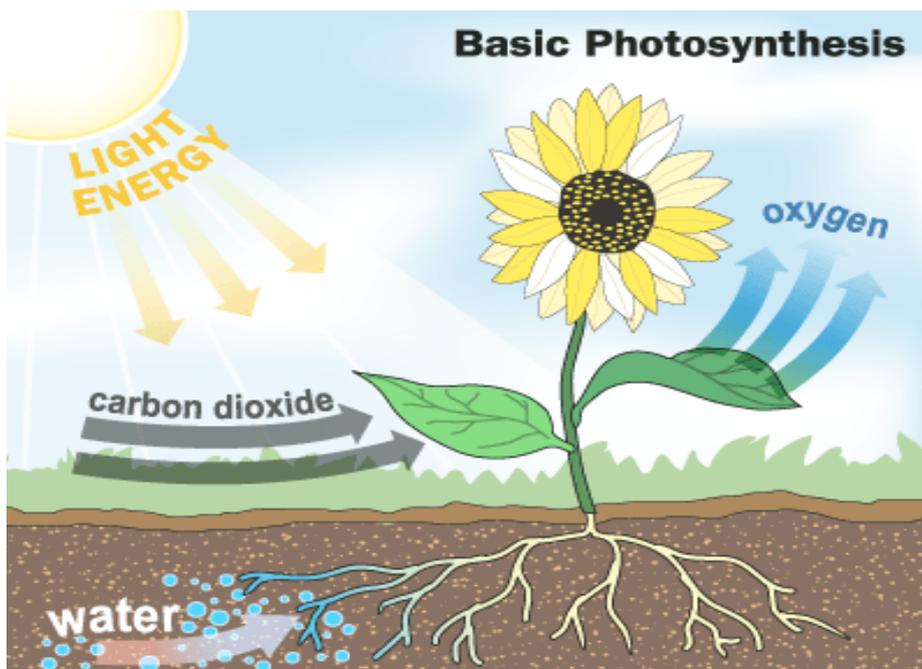
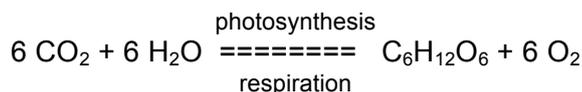


Fig. 12.1 Schematic view of photosynthetic circles

In this process **oxygen** is released and **glucose** is synthesised.



Imagine that a 100 years old beech tree holds some 200'000 leaves. They have a total surface of some 1200 m<sup>2</sup>! (Compare this area with a football pitch 100 x 70 m. How many trees does this correspond?)

These 200'000 leaves contain 180 g chlorophyll in 10<sup>14</sup> chloroplasts (Microscope)

On a sunny day such a tree can produce more than 9'000 litres of Oxygen and more than 10 kg of carbohydrates

Calculate: 22,4 litres of oxygen O<sub>2</sub> are 18 grammes =



how many kg of oxygen?

Fig. 12.2 Beach tree in summer time

**The range of light within the spectrum of electromagnetic radiation**

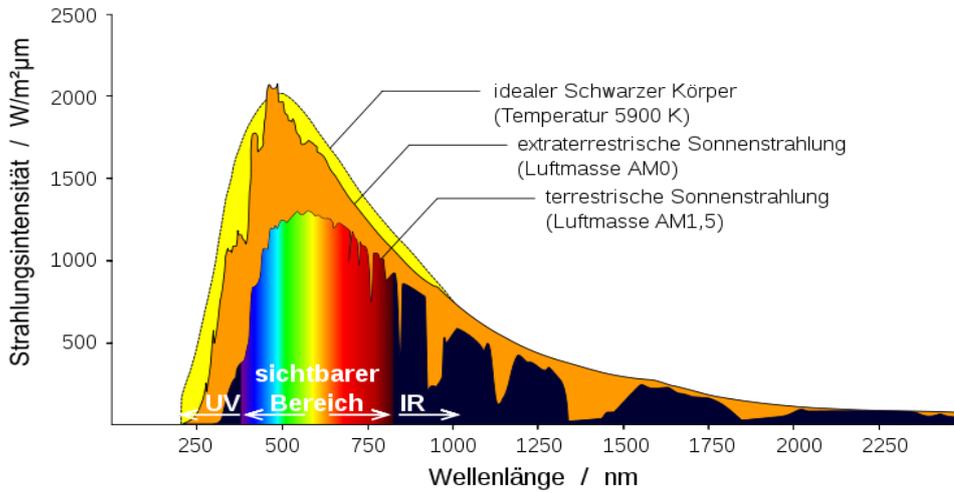


Fig. 121.3 Spectrum of sun light – intensity versus wave length

**a) Wave-Particle duality**

Light exhibits properties of both waves and particles. In common with all types of electromagnetic radiation, visible light is emitted and absorbed in tiny "packets" called *photons*. The study of light is known as *optics*.

Light shows its **wave characteristics** in the refraction of light.

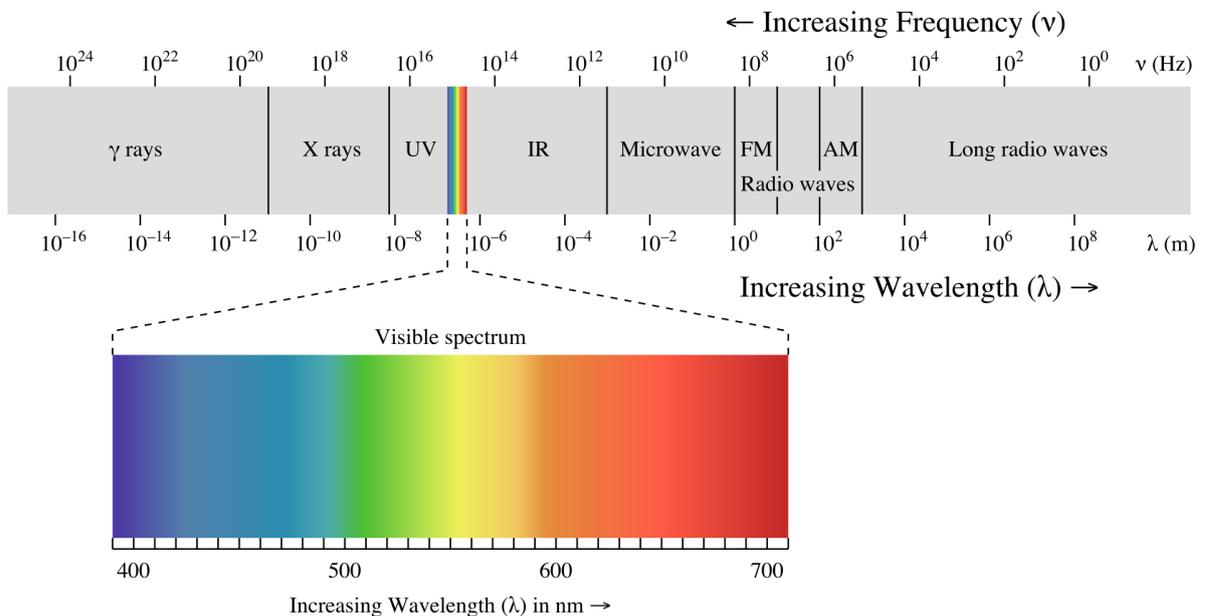
Light shows its **particle nature** e.g. in the photovoltaic effect

**b) The speed of light and wavelength**

The speed of light (fundamental natural constant) is about 300'000 km/s in *vacuum*.

Visible light has a wave length in the range of 380... 740 nm (between non visible ultra violet and infra red).

**c) Electromagnetic Spectrum EMS**



Relation between frequency  $f$  (Hz) and wavelength  $l$  (m):

$$c = f \cdot l$$