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#### Matter, substance, energy...

- What is:
  - Matter?
  - Substance?
  - Mixture?
  - Physical property?
  - Chemical property?
  - Element?
  - Compound?

- IS units: m, kg, s, A, K, mol, cd
- Derived units:
  - Volume m<sup>3</sup>
  - Velocity m·s<sup>-1</sup>
  - Acceleration m·s<sup>-2</sup>
  - Force  $N = m \cdot kg \cdot s^{-2}$
  - Pressure  $Pa = N \cdot m^{-2}$  (1 atm = 101,325 Pa)
  - Energy  $J = m^2 \cdot kg \cdot s^{-2} (1 \text{ cal} = 4.184 \text{ J})$
  - Density kg·m<sup>3</sup>
  - Temperature K



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- <u>Standard Conditions for Temperature and Pressure (STP)</u>: a set of pressure and temperature values for experimental measurements to allow comparison between different sets of data.
  - IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) defines:
    - Standard Temperature: 0°C (273.15K, 32 °F)
    - Standard Pressure: 100 kPa (14.504 psi, 0.986 atm)
  - NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology):
    - Standard Temperature: 20°C (293.15K, 68 °F)
    - Standard Pressure: 101.325 kPa (14.969 psi, 1 atm)
- <u>Standard State</u> of a material is the reference state for the material's thermodynamic properties (H, S, G)
  - Standard Pressure: p<sup>o</sup> = 1 bar (100 kPa)
  - Standard Temperature: not defined. Typically 298.15 K.



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#### Atoms and particles

- Atoms:
  - − Proton, p: (+), m = 1.672·10<sup>-24</sup> g; q = +1.602·10<sup>-19</sup> C
  - Neutron, n: (0), m =  $1.675 \cdot 10^{-24}$  g
  - Electron,  $e^-$ : (-) m = 9.109 $\cdot$ 10<sup>-28</sup> g; q = -1.602 $\cdot$ 10<sup>-19</sup> C
  - Atomic number, Z = n<sup>o</sup> p
  - Mass number, A = n<sup>o</sup> p + n<sup>o</sup> n
  - Atoms with  $\neq Z \rightarrow \neq$  element
  - Atoms with = Z but  $\neq$  A  $\rightarrow$  isotopes



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Source: http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Átomo
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Atomic mass unit (u or Da-Dalton)): 1/12 of the mass of a <sup>12</sup>C atom

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- Proton: m = 1.00728 u
- Neutron: m = 1.00867 u
- Electron:  $m = 5.489 \cdot 10^{-4} u$
- Atomic mass of  $^{12}C = 12 u$



## Molecules and mole

- Neutral atoms: when n° p = n° e
- Atomic lons: when  $n^{\circ} p \neq n^{\circ} e$  (cations or anions)
- Molecules: a collection of atoms linked by covalent bonds (neutral or ion)



- Avogadro's Number: number of carbon atoms contained in 12 grams of <sup>12</sup>C. N<sub>A</sub> = 6.022 ·10<sup>23</sup> [atoms]/mol or mol<sup>-1</sup>
  - Deduce that 1 Da =  $1.6605 \cdot 10^{-24}$  g
- Mole (symbol mol): mass of substance that contains as many atoms as in 12 grams of <sup>12</sup>C.
- Mole: (generalization) mass of substance that contains N<sub>A</sub> particles (ions, atoms, electrons, molecules, etc.). [objects]/mol



## Molecular mass

- How molecular masses can be determined (early times)
  - Using the Dulong and Petit law (1819): the product of the specific heat (cal/°C·g) times the atomic mass (g/mol) is a constant (6 cal/ °C·mol). Only useful for metals.
  - Avogadro's Principle (1811): a mol of any gas occupies the same volume under STP. Not true because of non-ideality of gases. But it can be used:  $M(g/mol) = d_{corr}(g/L) \times 22.414$  (L/mol) if  $d_{corr}$ , the density of the gas, is extrapolated to pressure = 0.
  - Combination weights (For interested students, See Mahan).
  - Mass spectrometry (nowadays)



## Molecular mass

• Mass spectrometry: separates ions by its q/m ratio.



Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atom

- Molecules or atoms enter the ionizing camera in gas form.
  - A high energy ray of electrons is produced by a high voltage filament. Electrons collide with molecules, pulling out electrons and/or fragmenting molecules.
- Positive ions, accelerated by an electric field, enter in a magnet with magnetic field B and describe circular trajectories of radius given by

$$\frac{1}{r^2} = \frac{B^2}{2V} \frac{q}{m}$$

- lons collide the detector at a distance given by their q/m ratio. Since probability of having two charges is extremely low, ions separate according to their mass
- MS can separate isotopes.



#### Exercise 1.1

In the following Table you may find the abundances of chlorine isotopes as well as their atomic masses. Calculate the average atomic mass of chlorine in Da and g/mol.

|                 | <sup>35</sup> Cl | <sup>37</sup> Cl |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Abundance (%)   | 75.77            | 24.23            |
| Atomic mass (u) | 34.96885         | 36.9659          |

The average atomic mass is given by  $M = \Sigma A(\%) \cdot M(u) = 0.7577 \times 34.96885 + 0.2423 \times 36.9659 = 35.453 u$ = 35.453 g/mol

The mass unity u refers to the mass of an atom but it is numerically equivalent to the mass of a mol of atoms, so M = 35.453 g/mol.



Exercise 1.2

Calculate de average distance between two water molecules if the density is 1 g·cm<sup>-3</sup>.

For solving this exercise it is necessary to make some assumptions about what are water molecules.

a) Suppose that water molecules are points in the space. One mole of water <> 18 g <> 18/1 cm<sup>3</sup>. Suppose a cube of 18 cm<sup>3</sup> volume. It will contain N<sub>A</sub> molecules (6,022 ×10<sup>23</sup>). The edge of the cube has a length given by  $18^{1/3} = 2,6207$  cm. Along this length you may find, in average,  $(N_A)^{1/3}$  molecules, i.e.  $8,445 \times 10^7$  molecules. If the molecules are uniformly distributed, the distance between two water molecules can be calculated as 2,6207 cm/ 8,445 × 10<sup>7</sup> molecules =  $3,103 \times 10^{-8}$  cm ×  $(10^{-2} \text{ m/cm}) \times (10^9 \text{ nm/m}) = 0,31 \text{ nm} = 3,1Å$ . All these numbers can be grouped in a formula. If M is the molecular mass and d, de density, the distance between two molecules is given by I =  $(M/dN_A)^{1/3}$ 

b) Now let us suppose that water molecules are spheres. If  $N_A$  molecules occupy a volume of 18 cm<sup>3</sup>, a single molecule will occupy  $18/N_A = 2,989 \times 10^{-23} \text{ cm}^3 \times (10^{-2} \text{ m/cm})^3 \times (10^9 \text{ nm/m})^3 = 2,989 \times 10^{-2} \text{ nm}^3$ . The volume of an sphere is V=(4/3)  $\pi r^3$  where r is the radius. The radius of a single molecule is  $r = (3V/4\pi)^{1/3} = 0,19 \text{ nm}$ . If all molecules are in contact, the distance between two molecules will be 2r = 0,38 nm = 3,8 Å



#### Molecular mass

Molecular mass (M): is the mass of a single molecule (in *u*) or of a mole of molecules (g/mol). M = Σ M<sub>i</sub> where M<sub>i</sub> is the mass of each atom. *Is this assertion really true?*

Example: molecular mass of phosphoric acid H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>

-M (H) = 1.008 g/mol -M (O) = 16.00 g/mol -M (P) = 30.97 g/mol

 $M (H_3PO_4) = 3 \times M(H) + M(P) + 4 \times M(O) =$ 97.99 g/mol

• Percent composition:

In atoms

% P = 1/8 × 100 = 12.5% % O = 4/8 × 100 = 50.0 % % H = 3/8 × 100 = 37.5 % In mass

% P = 30.97/97.99 × 100 = 31.61% % O = 4×16.00/97.99 × 100 = 65.31 % % H = 3×1.008/97.99 × 100 = 3.086 %



## Molecular formula

• Molecular mass also applies to substances that do not form molecules: ionic substances and metals.

Example, sodium chloride NaCl

M (NaCl) = M (Na<sup>+</sup>) +M (Cl<sup>-</sup>) = = 22.99 + 35.45 = 58,44 g/mol of ions



• Molecular formula: Set of element symbols and subscripts (generally integers) describing the number of atoms that form a given substance





## **Chemical equations**

• **<u>Chemical equations</u>**: standard way of representing chemical changes

$$\underline{2H}_2 + (\underline{1})O_2 \rightarrow \underline{2H}_2O$$

$$2H_2O \rightleftharpoons H_3O^+ + OH^-$$

Left term: reagents

Right term: products

- + means "reacts with".
- → means "produces"; applies to irreversible reactions.
- i or ↔ : both terms are in equilibrium; applies to reversible reactions.

   Numerical coefficients: number of molecules or moles of substance that react or are produced (stoichiometric coefficients).

 Balanced equations: number of atoms and charge at each side <u>must</u> be the same



#### Chemical equations

Phase transformations

 $\begin{array}{l} H_2O_{(I)} \rightarrow H_2O_{(g)} \\ H_2O_{(I)} \rightarrow H_2O_{(s)} \\ H_2O_{(s)} \rightarrow H_2O_{(g)} \end{array}$ 

 $_{\rm (I),\ (g),\ (s)}$  mean liquid, gas or solid, the state in which products and reactants participate in the process

- Precipitation reactions BaCl<sub>2</sub> + 2AgNO<sub>3</sub>  $\rightarrow$  2AgCl  $\downarrow$  + Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>  $\begin{cases} \downarrow \text{ means that AgCl} \\ \text{ precipitates} \end{cases}$
- Equilibrium reactions in aqueous media  $2H_2O \iff H_3O_{(ac)}^+ + OH_{(ac)}^ \begin{cases}
  \text{(ac)} means dissolved in water. Isolated ions do not exist unless shielded (surrounded) by water molecules.}
  \end{cases}$
- Decomposition reactions  $CaCO_{3(s)}^{\Delta} \rightarrow CaO_{(s)} + CO_{2(g)}^{A}$



#### Reactions in aqueous media

- Some terms
  - Reactants must be soluble in water (~ 0.1 mol·L<sup>-1</sup>)
  - Solute → Ions: ELECTROLYTES
  - Solute → Molecules: NON-ELECTROLYTES
  - STRONG electrolytes: completely ionized
  - WEAK electrolytes: partially ionized

| Soluble compounds   | Insoluble compounds                                      |
|---|--|
| Compounds of Group 1  | Carbonates, chromates, oxalates,                         |
|   | phosphates except Group 1 and ${\sf NH_4}^+$             |
| Ammonium compounds (NH4 <sup>+</sup> )  | Sulfides except Group 1 and NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> |
| Chlorides, bromides, iodides except Ag <sup>+</sup> ,   | Hydroxides, oxides except Groups 1 and 2                 |
| $Hg_2^{2+}$ , $Pb^{2+}$   |  |
| Nitrates, acetates, chlorates, perchlorates   |  |
| Sulfates except Ca <sup>2+</sup> , Sr <sup>2+</sup> , Ba <sup>2+</sup> , Pb <sup>2+</sup> , Hg <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup> , |  |
| Ag <sup>+</sup>   |  |



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## Acids and Bases

- Arrhenius theory:
  - Acid: <u>Compound</u> that <u>contains H</u> and <u>gives H<sup>+</sup></u> when reacts with water
  - Base: <u>Compound</u> that <u>produces OH</u> when reacts with water
- Brønsted and Lowry: generalization
  - Acid: substance that donates protons
  - Base: substance that accepts protons
    - MONOPROTIC acids: HCI, HNO<sub>3</sub>, •
    - POLYPROTIC acids: H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, Citric acid
    - Organic acids: the groups -COOH and  $-SO_3H$  (carboxylic and sulfonic)  $R-COOH + H_2O \leftrightarrow RCOO^- + H_3O^+$

STRONG and WEAK acids and bases







#### Acids and Bases

| STRONG acids                          | WEAK acids                | STRONG bases              | WEAK bases                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| HCl, HBr, HI                          | All other inorganic acids | Hydroxides Groups 1 and 2 | Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> ) |
| HNO <sub>3</sub>                      | Organic acids             | Oxides Groups 1 and 2     | Amines                     |
| HClO <sub>3</sub> , HClO <sub>4</sub> |                           |                           |                            |
| H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>        |                           |                           |                            |

• Neutralization: reaction between an acid and a base 2 HNO<sub>3</sub> + Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> + 2 H<sub>2</sub>O

$$2 H^{+} + 2 NO_{3}^{-} + Ba^{2+} + 2 OH^{-} \rightarrow Ba^{2+} + 2 NO_{3}^{-} + 2 H_{2}O$$
$$2 H^{+} + 2 OH^{-} \rightarrow 2 H_{2}O$$



## Redox reactions

• Oxidation and reduction

 $2 \text{ Ca}_{(s)} + \text{O}_{2(g)} \rightarrow 2 \text{ Ca}^{2+}_{(s)} + 2 \text{ O}^{2-}_{(s)} \quad (\text{CaO})$  $\text{Ca}_{(s)} + \text{Cl}_{2(g)} \rightarrow \text{Ca}^{2+}_{(s)} + 2 \text{ Cl}^{-}_{(s)} \quad (\text{CaCl}_2)$ 

- Oxidation: incorporation of oxygen
- Generalization: oxidation consists of loosing electrons
- Generalization: reduction consists of gaining electrons
- Oxidation plus reduction : REDOX process
- Oxidizing agent (oxidant): induces oxidation  $(O_2, Cl_2)$  and reduces itself
- Reducing agent (reductant): induces reduction (Ca) and oxidizes itself
- Redox process: a change in the <u>oxidation state</u> of substances