













### The Branches of Chemistry

- Organic carbon, nitrogen, oxygen
- Inorganic metals, everything "non-carbon"
- Analytical Spectroscopy, "how much", "what kind"
- Physical measurement, where physics meets chemistry
- Biochemical the chemistry of life
- *also:* geochemistry, astrochemistry, radiochemistry, medicinal chemistry, etc.

### **Basic Terms of Chemistry**

Matter: Anything that has mass and occupies space – things you can see, touch, taste, or smell.

Property: a characteristic that can be used to describe a substance. Size, color, temperature are familiar properties of matter. Less familiar properties include:

*Chemical composition*: what matter is made of.

Chemical Reactivity: how matter behaves, reactions.

### **Physical and Chemical Change**

A Physical Change does not alter the chemical makeup of a substance. Change is reversible.

*Example:* Melting of solid ice; only change in form takes place and change is reversible.

A Chemical Change alters chemical composition of a substance. Change is irreversible.

*Example:* Rusting of iron; iron combines with oxygen and produces a new substance (rust).



#### **Classification of Matter**

**Pure Substance**: Uniform in its chemical composition and properties. Sugar and water are pure substances.

**Mixture**: Composition and properties may vary. Different amounts of sugar dissolved in water will determine sweetness of water.

Sugar water is an example of a mixture.

### **Elements and Compounds**

- **Elements** cannot be broken down chemically into simpler substances, "building blocks" of nature.
- Hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen are example of elements.
- **Chemical Compounds** can be broken down into elements or other compounds.
- Water is a chemical compound since it can be broken down into hydrogen and oxygen.





#### An Example of a Chemical Reaction

When the element nickel, a solid metal, is mixed with a colorless solution of hydrochloric acid in a test tube, the nickel is slowly eaten away, the colorless solution turns green, and a colorless gas bubbles out of the test tube.

$$Ni_{(s)} + 2 HCl_{(aq)} \rightarrow NiCl_{2(aq)} + H_{2(g)}$$
  
Note states of matter

#### **Chemical Elements and Symbols**

Approximately 113 Elements are known. Only 90 of these elements occur naturally, remaining elements synthesized in lab. Some familiar elements are iron, tin, carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, sulfur, etc.

Some unfamiliar elements are niobium, rhodium, thulium, californium, etc.

### **Chemical Symbols**

Each element has its own unique symbol.

*One* or *two* letter symbols are used to represent elements.

First letter is always *capitalized* and the second letter is always a *lower case*.

Some symbols came from elements' modern names such as 'H' for hydrogen, 'O' for oxygen, 'N' for nitrogen, etc.

### **Chemical Symbols**

- A few symbols for elements from their *Latin* names. *Example:* 'Na' for sodium from Latin *Natrium*.
- *Naturally occurring* elements are not equally abundant. Oxygen and silicon together: 75% of earth's crust.
- **Chemical Formula**: A notation for a chemical compound using element symbols and subscripts to show how many atoms of each element are present.

The formula for water is  $H_2O$ .  $H_2O$  indicates that two hydrogens and one oxygen combined together to produce water. Every formula described similarly  $H_2O$  CH<sub>4</sub> C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>11</sub>

2 H atoms 1 O atom

1 C atom 12 C atoms 4 H atoms 22 H atoms

22 H atoms 11 O atoms



#### Metals (left side)

- Solids at room temperature (except Hg)
- Good conductor of heat & electricity
- Malleable, give up electrons
- Nonmetals (right side)
- Eleven gases, five solids, one liquid (Br)
- Like to absorb electrons generally
- Metalloids (between)
- Properties between metals and nonmetals
- Used in semi-conductors

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### End of Chapter 1

To review and study for Chapter 1, look at the "Concepts to Remember" at the end of Chapter One