

# Atomes et molécules

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# Motivation: Why a chemistry course?

**Chemistry is present in everyday life**

health care, nutrition, clothing, fuel, etc

**It is also involved in life itself**

in the roots of cell operations of living organisms

# Definition of chemistry

**Study of matter**

structure

organic matter

inorganic matter

**and**

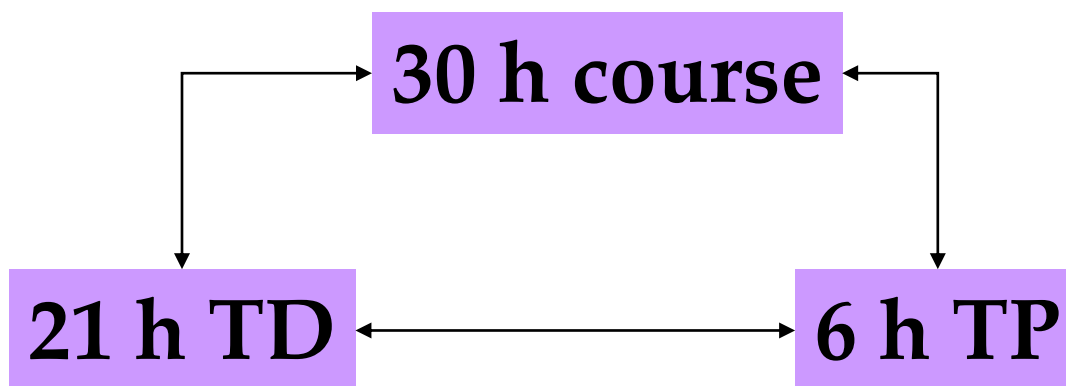
**Transformations  
affecting its  
composition**

reactivity of chemical systems, thermodynamics

organic chemistry reactions

**Study the structure of matter**

**Study organic matter (basic concepts)**



## Supervised Work ('TD')

14 sessions (+2 for CC) – 1h30 each – **presence mandatory**

A handout will be distributed: **Exercises must be prepared in advance**

Be on time (or risk to be refused by lecturer)

+ 3 Controls of 20 minutes (CC)

## Practical work ('TP')

2 sessions – 3h each – **presence mandatory**

A handout will be distributed: **Practical tasks must be prepared in advance**

Be on time (penalization if you are late)

Bring an overall

Report handing over at end of session (one for two students)

## Examination

**Theory** (85% = Exam (45 %) + CC (40%))

3 small controls (CC) during supervised work session

1 final exam

**Practical work** (15%)

- 1 séance en salle de TP

compte rendu, à rendre en en fin de séance,  
celui-ci sera noté

- 1 séance en salle de TD modèle moléculaire

## Lecturer in charge (enseignant référent)

1 lecturer per practical work group

### **His/Her tasks:**

- \_ Supervision students in the group, advice
- \_ Detection of students with difficulties, help

Mandatory to follow the practical work with the group you are assigned, otherwise you will be considered absent by the lecturer

# Chapter 1 : Review of elementary chemistry

## **1 – First models of the atom**

### **1.1 Introduction**

### **1.2 Birth of modern atomic theory**

### **1.3 Rutherford model of the atom**

#### **1.3.a Rutherford experience (1911), discovery of atomic nucleus**

#### **1.3.b Rutherford planetary model of the atom**

## **2 – Atomic composition**

### **2.1 Nucleus and electrons characteristics**

### **2.2 Nuclides, elements and isotopes**

## **3 – Concept of pure body**

### **3.1 Simple body**

### **3.2 Composed body**

#### **3.2.a Organic compounds**

#### **3.2.b Inorganic compounds**

## **4 - Mixtures**



**The atom is the basis of chemistry**

Concept of the atom: long maturation

IV B.C : Leucippus, Democritus → philosophers, matter  
(definition: everything with mass and occupying space):  
discontinuous structure and composed of indivisible particles  
(atoms).

“Atom” means : cannot be separated

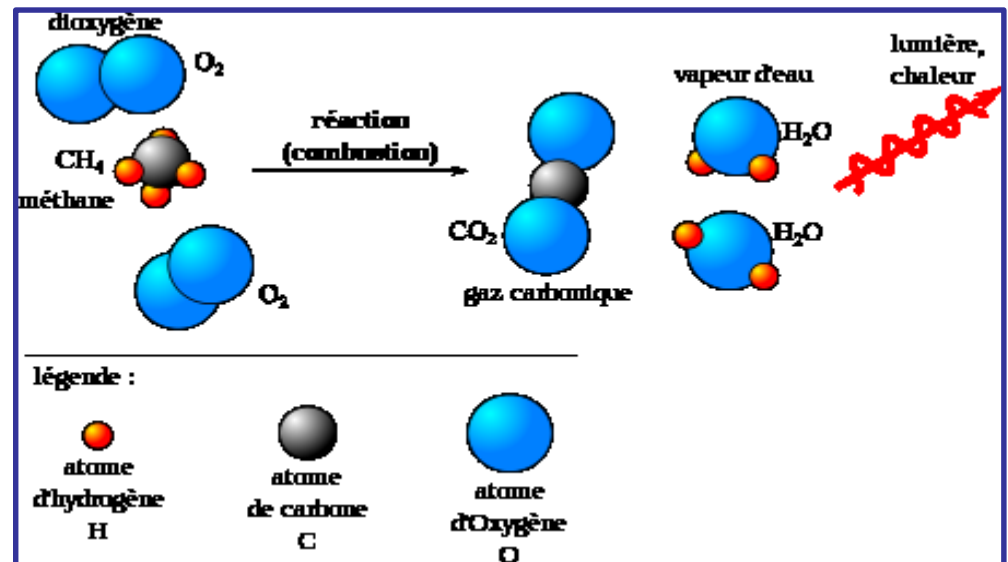
# 1 – First models of the atom

## 1.2 Birth of modern atomic theory

1775: Lavoisier enounces: Nothing gets lost, nothing is created, everything is transforming. Masses are conserved in chemical reactions.

1803: John Dalton → idea of matter composed of **atoms with different masses: indivisible particles that can't be split**, not because of practical difficulties but due to their very nature

Every type of atom is represented by a symbol has particular properties, different mass and can be combined with different atoms to form **molecules**.....

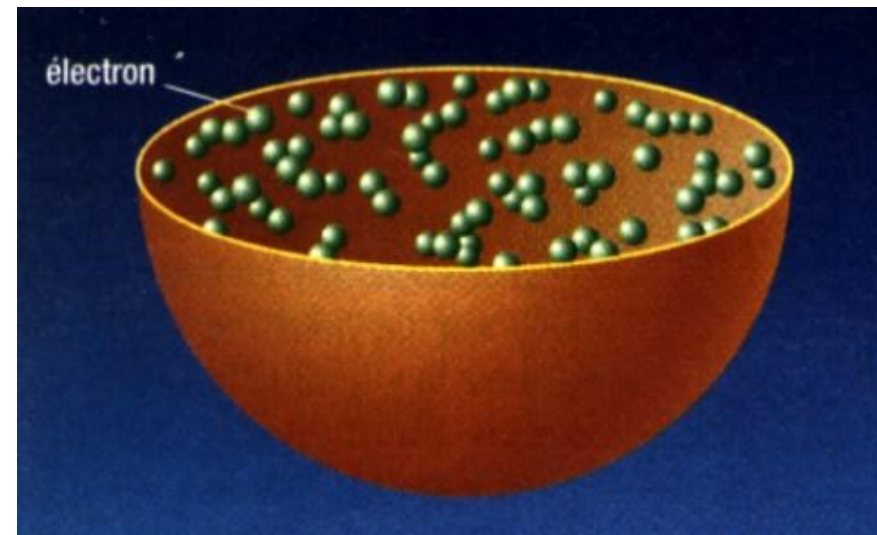


Chemical reactions are rearrangements into a different distributions of the atoms present in the initial body

**Other experiments will show that atoms are not the ultimate constituents of matter !!!**

1897: Joseph Thomson → show the presence of negatively charged particles inside the atom: the electrons. He showed that **atoms have different number of electrons**. The first subatomic particle.

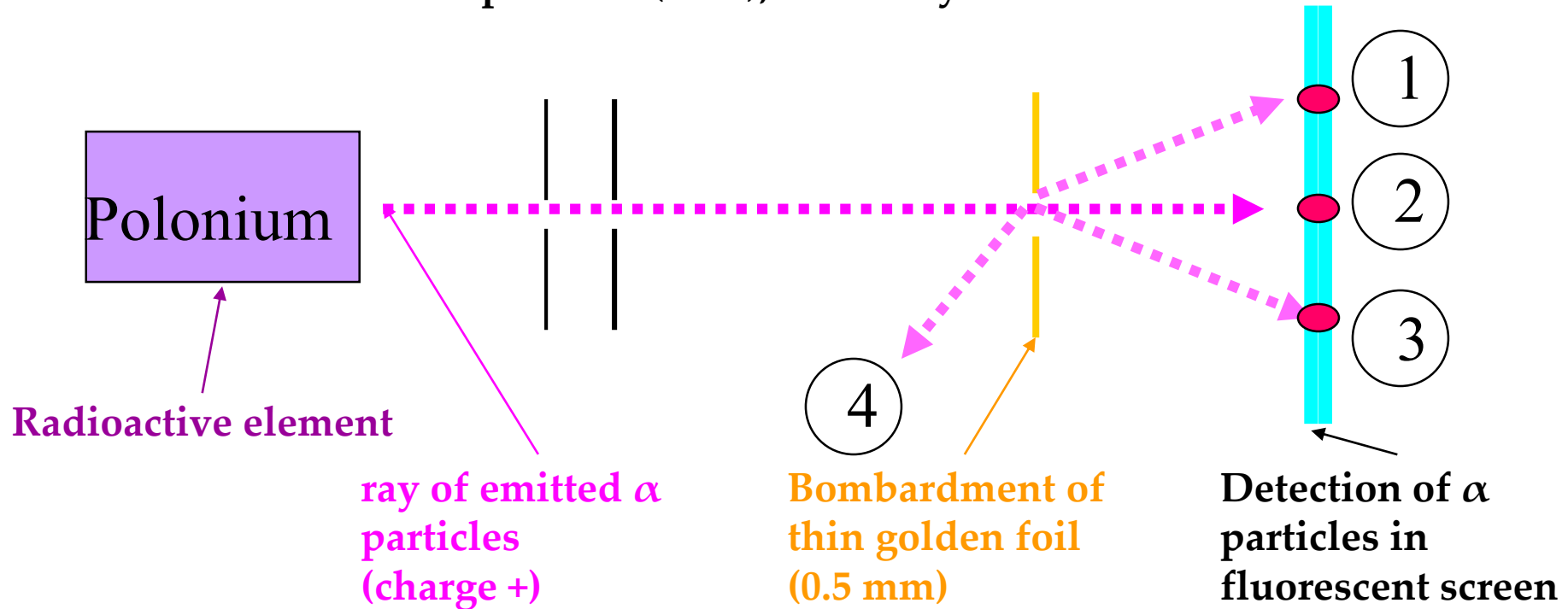
**The atom is electrically neutral:** Thomson proposes that the atom is a sphere with a surface positively charged and negatively charged electrons inside.



Thomson's model of the atom

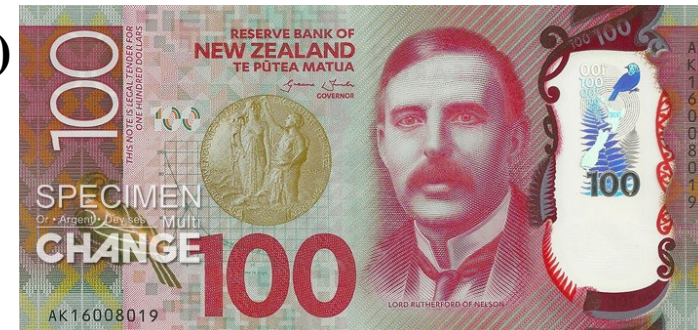
# 1 – First models of the atom - 1.3 Rutherford model of the atom

## 1.3.a Rutherford experience (1911), discovery of atomic nucleus



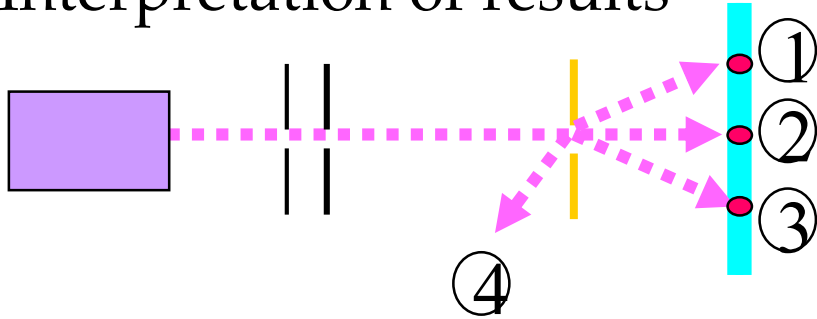
### Results:

- \_ Most alpha particles (99 %) reach the screen center (2)
- \_ A small fraction ( $10^{-4}$ ) is deviated: (1) and (3)
- \_ Some particles are backscattered: (4)

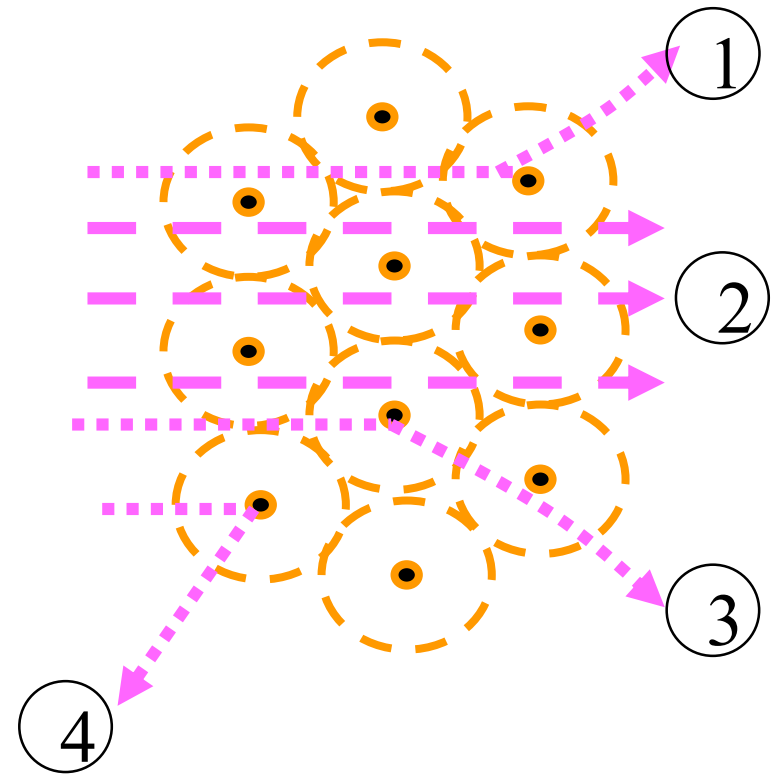


# 1 – First models of the atom - 1.3 Rutherford model of the atom

Interpretation of results



Golden foil made out of electrons and positive charges



Deviated  $\alpha$  particles : they suffered the repulsion of a heavy particle positively charged  $\rightarrow$  the nucleus

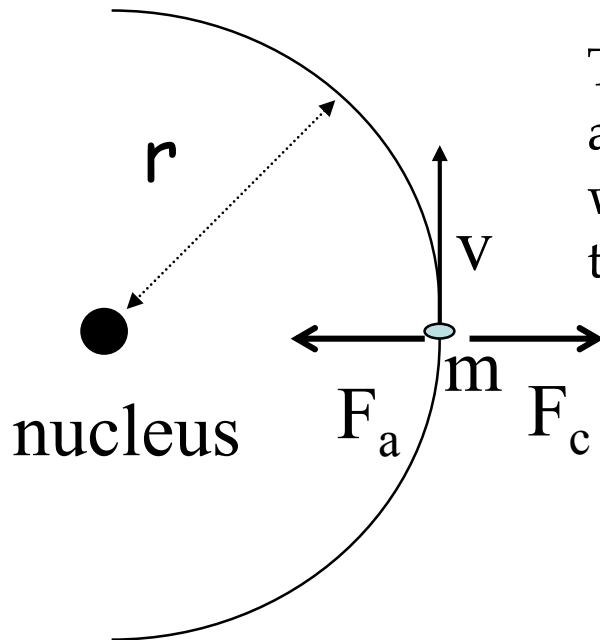
Only a small fraction is deviated : The positive charge is concentrated in a very small space: the nuclei, surrounded by a big amount of space, basically vacuum.

# 1 – First models of the atom - 1.3 Rutherford model of the atom

## 1.3.b Rutherford's planetary model of the atom

Rutherford describes the atom as composed of a **positive nucleus**, surrounded by **orbiting electrons** at a distance much larger than the size of the nucleus. This distance corresponds to the atomic radius.

**atom radius  $\sim 10000 \times$  nucleus radius**



The electron of charge  $q=-e$  and mass  $m$  turns around the heavier fixed nucleus of charge  $q=+e$  with uniform speed, describing a circular trajectory of **radius  $r$** .

The electron is subject to:  
\_ electrostatic force by the nucleus,  $F_a$   
\_ centripetal force,  $F_c$

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Calculating the forces involved, Rutherford gives the **total energy of the electron** on the trajectory:

$$E_{\text{kinetic}} + E_{\text{potential}} = E_{\text{total}} = -\frac{1}{8\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r} \quad \text{note: SI units!}$$

$\epsilon_0$  : vacuum permittivity

$e$  : electron charge

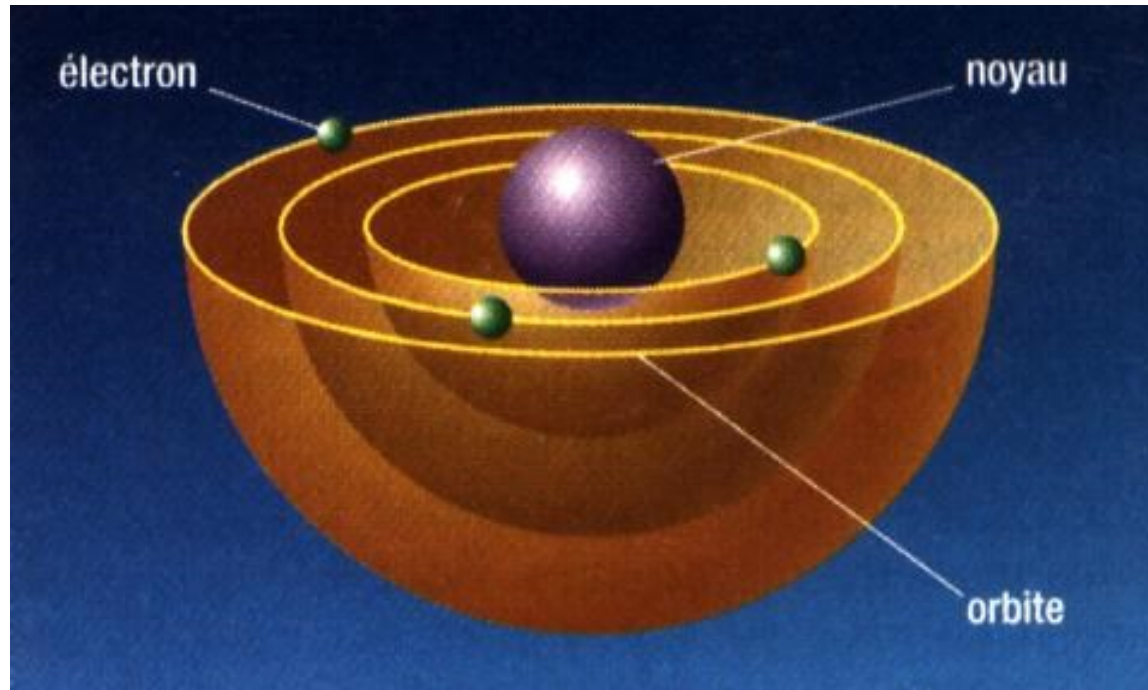
$r$  : trajectory radius

The total energy of the electron is **ONLY** a function of its distance to the nucleus.

It is a continuous function of  $r$ , as  $r$  can vary continuously

Note:  $E_{\text{total}} \downarrow$  (stability of the system  $\uparrow$ ) when  $r \downarrow$ .





Rutherford's model of the atom:  
Electrons orbit the nucleus in circular trajectories



1875 – 1932 : Several 'historical' experiments have shown that the atom is not the ultimate constituent of matter

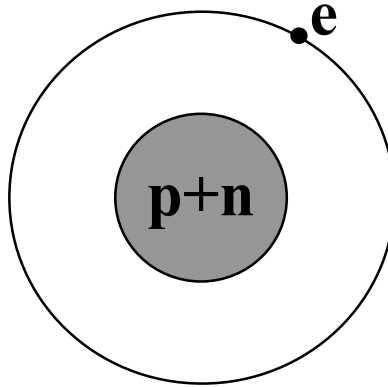
Atoms are formed of several particles of different types:

- \_ electrons (**e**)

- \_ protons (**p**)

- \_ neutrons (**n**)

## 2 – Atomic composition - 2.1 Nucleus and electrons characteristics



|         |              | Charge | Mass                               |
|---------|--------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Nucleus | Proton (p)   | +e     | $1.6726 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ |
|         | Neutron (n)  | 0      | $1.6750 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ |
|         | Electron (e) | -e     | $9.1095 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ |

( $e = 1.602 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ coulomb}$ )

$$m_e/m_p = 1/1836$$

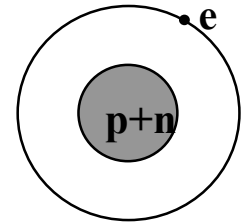
Me 2000 times < than Mp

$$\Rightarrow M_{\text{atom}} \approx M_{\text{nucleus}}$$

An atom is characterized by 2 numbers:

Z : number of protons or electrons (neutral case)

N : number of neutrons

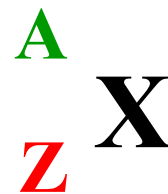


A pair of these values {Z, N} defines a **nuclide**.

**Nuclide:**

Group of atoms with the same number of **protons (Z)** and the same number of **neutrons (N)** in the nucleus.

In practice: to identify a nuclide with symbol X, we write:

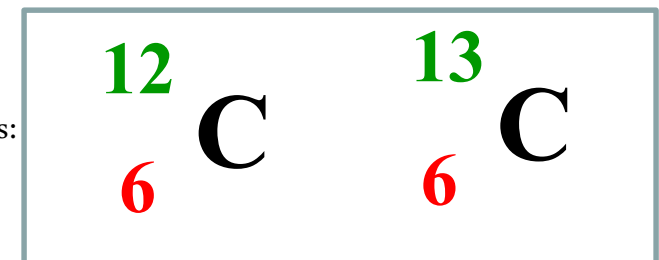


[A : mass number]

[Z = atomic number]

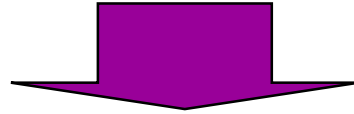
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{N} \\ &= \mathbf{n \text{ (protons)}} + \mathbf{n \text{ (neutrons)}} \\ &= \mathbf{n \text{ (nucleons)}} \end{aligned}$$

Examples:



### Element :

The group of atoms and ions that have nuclei composed by the **same number of protons  $Z$** , i.e, the **same atomic number  $Z$** .

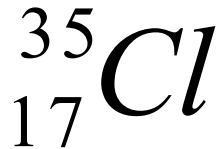


**2 different elements cannot have the same  $Z$**

Note:

$Z$  and the atomic symbol  $X$  are redundant information:

e.g:



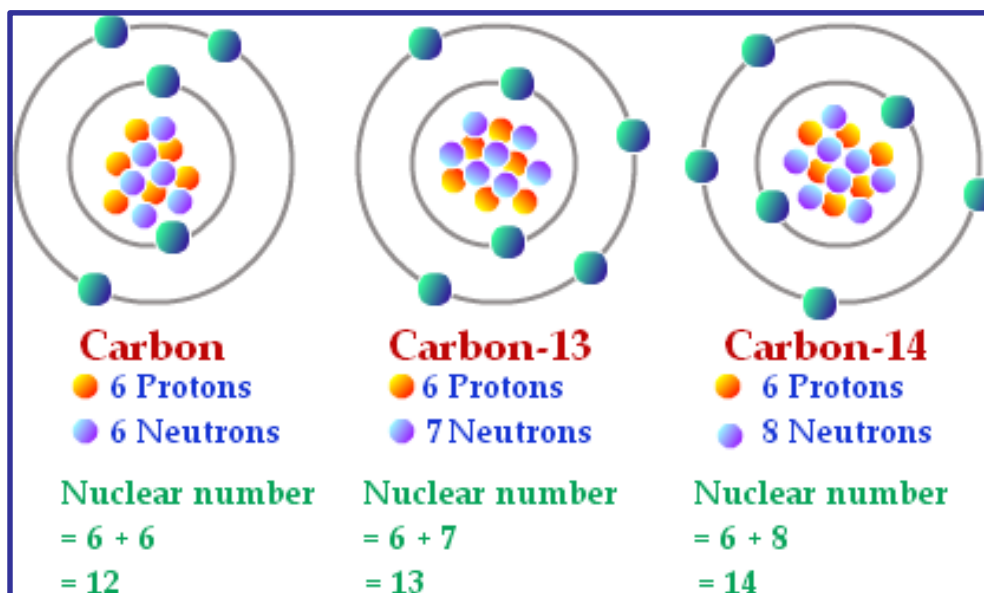
as the chlorine has always 17 protons and electrons, we can write:



## Isotopes of an element:

Nuclides having:

- the **same number of protons (same Z)**, which defines the element
- but a **different number of neutrons (N)**, therefore their mass number **A is also different.**



**Isotopes have the same chemical properties.**

|                 |                       |                                                        |                     |       |                                 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| <sup>12</sup> C | 98,93 %               | <a href="#">stable</a> with 6 <a href="#">neutrons</a> |                     |       |                                 |
| <sup>13</sup> C | 1,07 %                | <a href="#">stable</a> with 7 <a href="#">neutrons</a> |                     |       |                                 |
| <sup>14</sup> C | <a href="#">trace</a> | 5 730 years                                            | <a href="#">β</a> - | 0,156 | <sup>14</sup> <a href="#">N</a> |

## Examples of isotopes

Natural hydrogen is composed of (in mass):

|                      |                                    |               |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 99.985 %             | ${}^1_1\text{H}$                   | Z=1, A=1, N=0 |
| 0.015 %              | ${}^2_1\text{H}$<br>(D: deuterium) | Z=1, A=2, N=1 |
| $1 \times 10^{-7}$ % | ${}^3_1\text{H}$<br>(T: tritium)   | Z=1, A=3, N=2 |

Natural chlorine is composed of (in mass):

|        |                    |                   |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 75.4 % | ${}^{35}\text{Cl}$ | Z=17, A=35, N=18  |
| 24.6 % | ${}^{37}\text{Cl}$ | Z= 17, A=37, N=20 |

**The atomic mass of a natural element (mixture of isotopes) is the weighted averaged of the atomic mass of its isotopes**

e.g.: for **Chlorine**:  $M = 0,754 * 35 + 0,246 * 37 = 35,5$

### 3.1 Simple bodies

substances composed of one type of atom, i.e., of only one element

\_ as independent atoms (neon Ne, argon Ar, etc.)

\_ as molecules (dioxygen O<sub>2</sub>, Ozone O<sub>3</sub>, etc.)

### 3.2 Composed bodies

substances composed of at least two different elements in definite proportions (water H<sub>2</sub>O, sulfuric acid H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, etc.)

### 3.2.a Organic compounds

Molecular compounds having the element carbon, and usually hydrogen (methane  $\text{CH}_4$ , sugars: glucose, etc.)

### 3.2.b Inorganic compounds

All the others (water  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , ammonia  $\text{NH}_3$ , calcium sulfate  $\text{CaSO}_4$ , some simple carbon compounds: carbon dioxide  $\text{CO}_2$ , chalk: calcium carbonate  $\text{CaCO}_3$ )



The atoms of a compound are connected or bounded to each other in a specific way. They form a **molecule** or they exist in the form of **ions**.

### **Molecule:**

defined and independent group of atoms with a particular layout. A formula is associated to each molecule, showing the nature and number of atoms involved in its formation.

**Molecular compound:** composed of molecules. **For example: Water**

### **Ion:**

Atom or group of bounded atoms, positively or negatively charged.

### **Ionic compound:**

composed of ions maintained by Coulombic attraction between opposite charges. For example: **Sodium Chloride**  $\text{Na}^+, \text{Cl}^-$ .

## 4 - Mixtures

Many materials are neither simple bodies nor complex ones, but a mixture of them.

### Composition of air ?

| Chemical Composition of Air |                 |             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Name                        | Symbol          | % by volume |
| Nitrogen                    | N <sub>2</sub>  | 78.084 %    |
| Oxygen                      | O <sub>2</sub>  | 20.9476 %   |
| Argon                       | Ar              | 0.934 %     |
| Carbon Dioxide              | CO <sub>2</sub> | 0.0314 %    |
| Neon                        | Ne              | 0.001818 %  |
| Methane                     | CH <sub>4</sub> | 0.0002 %    |
| Helium                      | He              | 0.000524 %  |
| Krypton                     | Kr              | 0.000114 %  |
| Hydrogen                    | H <sub>2</sub>  | 0.00005 %   |
| Xenon                       | Xe              | 0.0000087 % |



sea water: H<sub>2</sub>O + dissolved bodies (sodium chloride NaCl)

fuel: hydrocarbon + additives

medicines, perfumes, etc.

The constituents of a mixture are 'mixed' together and not attached to each other by chemical bonds like in a compound.

Parmi les propositions concernant  $^{12}_6\text{C}$  et  $^{14}_6\text{C}$ , laquelle(lesquelles) est(sont) exacte(s) ?

- ☐ Leur nombre d'électrons est identique.
- ☐ Leur nombre de neutrons est identique.
- ☐ Leur nombre de protons est identique.
- ☐ Leur nombre de nucléons est identique.
- ☐ Il s'agit de deux éléments chimiques différents

### **QCM 2**

La masse d'un atome est essentiellement due à la masse de ses électrons

**A.** Vrai

**B.** Faux

### **QCM 3**

L'hydrogène naturel contient 3 isotopes (dont le deutérium et le tritium) qui ne diffèrent que par leur nombre de neutrons et leur nombre de masse  $A$  :

**A.** Vrai

**B.** Faux