



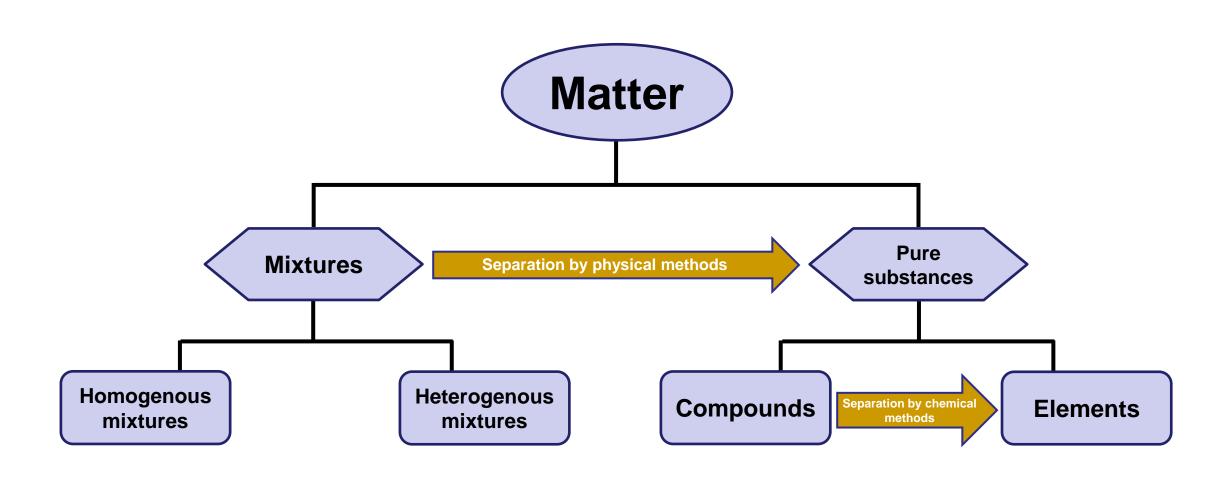
# **General Chemistry**



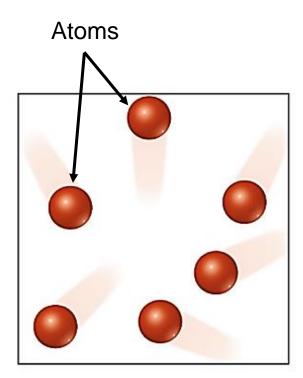
Matter and Measurement

# Classification of Matter

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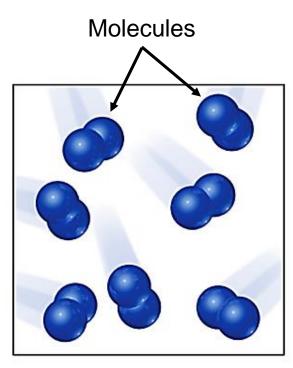


### Classification of matter according to its composition



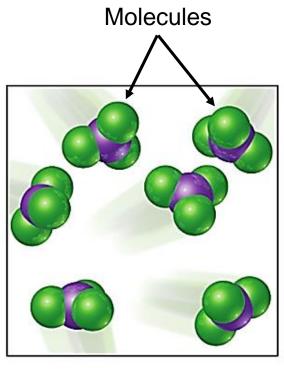
Atoms of an element

**Element** Na, K, He, Ar, Fe



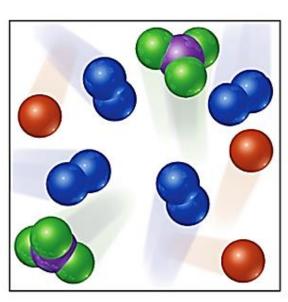
Molecules of an element

**Element** H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, P<sub>4</sub>, S<sub>8</sub>



Molecules of a compound

**Compound** H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, NaCl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>



Mixture of elements & a compound

**Mixture** air, soft drink, milk

## **Types of mixtures**

Property	Solutions	Colloids	Suspensions
Particle size	Less than 1 nm	1 to 100 nm	More than 100 nm
Appearance	Clear, homogeneous mixture. Particles are invisible to the naked eye as well as under a microscope	Cloudy, appears as a homogeneous but can exist as a heterogeneous mixture.  Particles are invisible to the naked eye but are visible under powerful microscopes	Cloudy, heterogeneous mixture. Particles are visible to the naked eye
Optical properties	Transparent, light can pass through	Opaque or translucent, they can scatter light	Opaque, they do not transmit light
Settling	Particles do not settle at the bottom of the container	Particles do not settle down under normal conditions, but can settle via centrifugation	Particles can settle down under the influence of gravity if the settling process is not distributed
Separation	The solute and solvent cannot be separated by ordinary filtration or by ultrafiltration	The solute and solvent cannot be separated by ordinary filtration but can be separated by ultrafiltration	The solute and solvent can be separated by ordinary filtration
Examples	Sugar solution, soft drinks, vinegar, sea water, air, and metal alloys	Milk, mayonnaise, fog, ink, paint, gelatine, and body lotion	Sand, mud, chalk particles, kerosene, or milk of magnesia in water

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### **Physical States of Matter**



