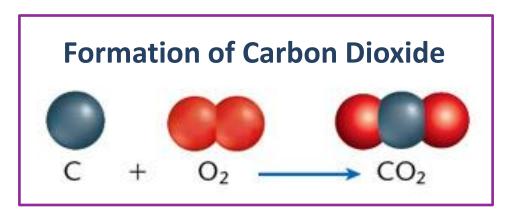
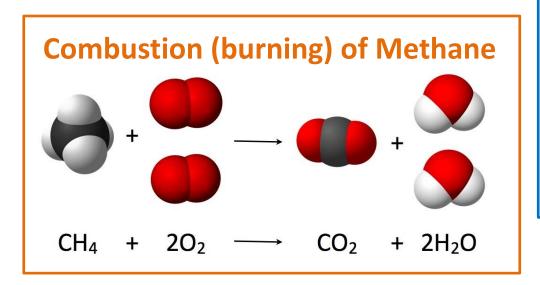


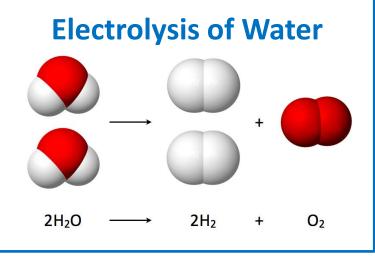
Chemical Reactions



Change of matter that involves bonding, separating or rearranging of two or more atoms.







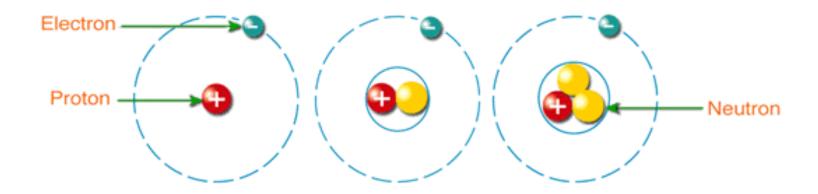
Nuclear Reactions involve change of the atomic nucleus

- 1. Radioactive decay an unstable nucleus spontaneously emits a small particle of ionizing radiation to become a different isotope of the same element or a different element (the latter process is called *transmutation*).
- 2. Nuclear Fusion the joining of two atomic nuclei to form a larger one.
- 3. Nuclear Fission the splitting of an atomic nucleus into two smaller ones.

Elements and Isotopes



- The <u>number of protons</u> in the atomic nucleus (aka atomic number) defines the "kind of atom", or the <u>identity of a chemical element</u>.
- Isotopes are different forms of a given element that have the same number of protons in each atom but differ in number of neutrons.



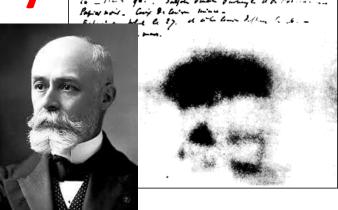
Discovery of Radioactivity

• Henri Becquerel, 1896:

- radioactivity was first discovered in uranium salts during his work on phosphorescence.

Marie Sklodowska-Curie and Pierre Curie, 1898:

- conducted a systematic study to determine which other elements and compounds emitted "mysterious radiation" that they called "radioactivity";
- isolated a new radioactive element, <u>polonium</u> (named in honor of Marie's home country);
- four years later, discovered an even more intensely radioactive substance, which they called *radium*.

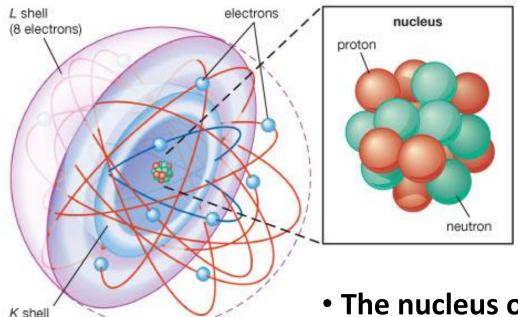




• Ernest Rutherford and Frederick Soddy, 1899-1903:

- discovered three different types of radiation "rays" with very different powers of penetration, introduced the term "half-life", and proposed that atoms were not conserved in radioactive emissions.

What Holds an Atom Together?



 The <u>electrons</u> are kept in orbit around the nucleus due to an <u>electromagnetic field</u> of attraction between the positive (+) charge of the protons and the negative (-) charge of the electrons.

(2 electrons)

• The <u>nucleus of protons</u> and <u>neutrons</u> is kept together by the <u>nuclear</u> (strong) force, which opposes and overcomes the electromagnetic repulsion when particles are very close to each other (~1 fm!).