### **COURSE - MINT CHEMISTRY**

TOPIC 4
SI Units; Content, Proportion, Concentration

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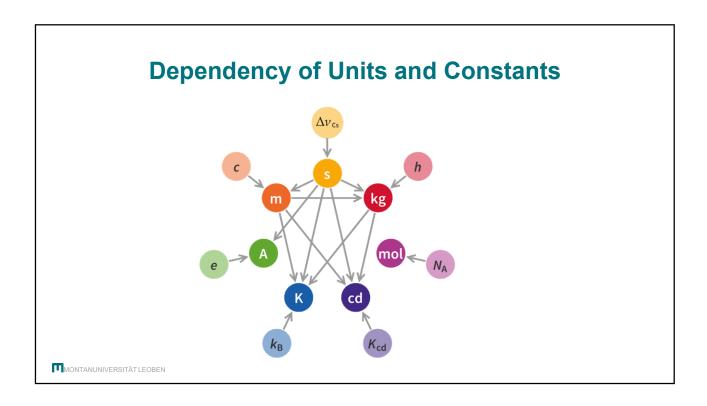
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### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Knowing the quantities of a substance and converting between them.

Determine the molar masses of substances.

Assign, calculate and convert the different specifications of content.



# Definition (Length) Quantity symbol: *l*Dimension symbol: L



#### Definition

The meter, unit symbol m, is the SI unit of length. It is defined by the speed of light in a vacuum, c, with the determined numerical value of 299 792 458, expressed in the unit m/s, with the second being defined by  $\Delta v_{\rm Cs}$ .

Definition (Mass)
Quantity symbol: m
Dimension symbol: M



#### Definition:

The kilogram, unit symbol kg, is the SI unit of mass. It is defined by the Planck constant, h, with the determined numerical value of 6.626 070 15 × 10<sup>-34</sup>, expressed in the unit J s, which is equal to kg m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, where the meter and second are defined by c and  $\Delta v_{\rm Cs}$ .

The kilogram (kg) is the ONLY COHERENT SI UNIT with a prefix

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Definition (Time)
Quantity symbol: t
Dimension symbol: T



#### Definition

The second, unit symbol s, is the SI unit of time. It is defined by the cesium frequency  $\Delta v_{Cs}$ , the frequency of the unperturbed hyperfine transition of the ground state of cesium atom 133, of 9 192 631 770, expressed in units of Hz, which is equal to s<sup>-1</sup>.

# Definition (Electrical current) Quantity symbol: I Dimension symbol: I



#### Definition:

The ampere, unit symbol A, is the SI unit of electric current. It is defined by the elementary charge, e, with the determined numerical value 1.602 176 634 ×  $10^{-19}$ , expressed in units C, which is equal to A s, where the second is defined by  $\Delta v_{Cs}$ .

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# Definition (Temperature) Quantity symbol: *T*Dimension symbol: Θ



#### Definition

The Kelvin, unit symbol K, is the SI unit of thermodynamic temperature. It is defined by the Boltzmann constant, k, with the determined numerical value 1.380 649 × 10<sup>-23</sup>, expressed in the unit J K<sup>-1</sup>, which is equal to kg m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-2</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>, where the kilogram, the meter and the second are defined by h, c and  $\Delta v_{\rm Cs}$ .

### **Definition (Amount of substance)**

Quantity symbol: n
Dimension symbol: N



#### Definition:

The mol, unit symbol mol, is the SI unit of amount of substance. One mole contains exactly 6.022 140 76  $\times$  10<sup>23</sup> individual particles. This number corresponds to the fixed numerical value applicable to the Avogadro constant  $N_{\rm A}$ , expressed in units of mol<sup>-1</sup>, and is known as the Avogadro number. The amount of substance, sign n, of a system is a measure of a number of specified constituents. A single particle can be an atom, a molecule, an ion, an electron, another particle or a group of such particles with specified composition.

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# Definition (Luminosity) Quantity symbol: $I_V$ Dimension symbol: J



#### Definition

The candela, unit symbol cd, is the SI unit of luminous intensity in a given direction. It is defined by the determined numerical value 683 for the photometric radiation equivalent  $K_{\rm cd}$  of monochromatic radiation of frequency 540 × 10<sup>12</sup> Hz, expressed in the unit Im W<sup>-1</sup>, which is equal to cd sr W<sup>-1</sup> or cd sr kg<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>3</sup>, where the kilogram, meter, and second are defined in terms of h, c, and  $\Delta v_{\rm Cs}$ .

### **SI Prefixes for Decimal Multiples**

Power	Name	Symbol	Numerical value
1024	Yotta	Υ	1 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
1021	Zetta	z	1 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
10 <sup>18</sup>	Exa	E	1 000 000 000 000 000 000
10 <sup>15</sup>	Peta	P	1 000 000 000 000 000
10 <sup>12</sup>	Tera	т	1 000 000 000 000
<b>10</b> 9	Giga	G	1 000 000 000
<b>10</b> <sup>6</sup>	Mega	М	1 000 000
10 <sup>3</sup>	Kilo	k	1 000
10 <sup>2</sup>	Hecto	h	100
10 <sup>1</sup>	Deca	da	10
10-1	Deci	d	0.1
10-2	Centi	С	0.01
10-3	Milli	m	0.001
<b>10</b> -6	Micro	μ	0.000 001
<b>10</b> -9	Nano	n	0.000 000 001
10-12	Pico	р	0.000 000 000 001
<b>10</b> <sup>-15</sup>	Femto	f	0.000 000 000 000 001
10-18	Atto	а	0.000 000 000 000 000 001
10-21	Zepto	z	0.000 000 000 000 000 000 001
10-24	Yocto	у	0.000 000 000 000 000 000 000 001

A (coherent) SI unit with a prefix gives a NON-coherent SI unit.

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### **Derived SI Units**

Name	Symbol	Quantity	in SI base units	in other SI units
Becquerel	Bq	Radioactivity	S <sup>-1</sup>	
Celcius	°C	Temperature relative to 273.15 K	K	
Coulomb	С	Electrical charge	A·s	
Farad	F	Electrical capacity	m² kg-1 s4 A2	C/V
Gray	Gy	Absorbed dose	m² s-²	J/kg
Henry	н	Inductance	m² kg s-² A-²	Wb/A
Hertz	Hz	Frequency	s <sup>-1</sup>	
Joule	J	Energy, Work, Thermal energy	m² kg s-²	N m; W s
Katal	kat	Catalytic activity	mol s <sup>-1</sup>	
Lumen	lm	Luminosity	cd	cd sr
Lux	Lx	Illuminance	m² cd	lm/m²
Newton	N	Force	m kg s <sup>-2</sup>	J/m
Ohm	Ω	Electrical resistance	m² kg s-3 A-2	V/A
Pascal	Pa	Pressure	m <sup>-1</sup> kg s <sup>-2</sup>	N/m²
Radiant	Rad	Plane angle	1	m/m
Siemens	S	Electrical conductance	m-2 kg-1 s3 A2	1/Ω
Sievert	Sv	Equivalent dose	m² s-²	J/kg
Steratiant	sr	Solid angle	1	m²/m²
Tesla	T	Magnetic flux density	kg s <sup>-2</sup> A <sup>-1</sup>	Wb/m²
Watt	W	Power	m² kg s <sup>-3</sup>	J/s; V A
Weber	Wb	Magnetic flux	m² kg s-² A-1	Vs
Volt	v	Electrical voltage	M <sup>2</sup> kg s <sup>-3</sup> A <sup>-1</sup>	W/A; J/C

### **DERIVED SI UNITS (Examples)**

#### 1 Cubic metre (m<sup>3</sup>)

is the **volume** (cubic measure) of a cube of 1 m length, 1 m width and 1 m height

The litre unit is not an SI unit, but is permitted in use in SI. The unit symbol is "l".

It CAN also be written as "L" because it can be confused with I (I) or the digit 1 (in English-speaking countries) when using a sans serif font.

The capital "L" was approved by the CGPM as an alternative unit symbol for the litre. ISO and IEC only use the original unit symbol "l". IUPAC and DIN 1301-1 allow both spellings.



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### **DERIVED SI UNITS (Examples)**

#### 1 Newton (N)

is the **force** acting on a 1 kg body accelerated at 1 m/s<sup>2</sup>:

 $1 N = 1 kg m/s^2$ 



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#### 1 Pascal (Pa)

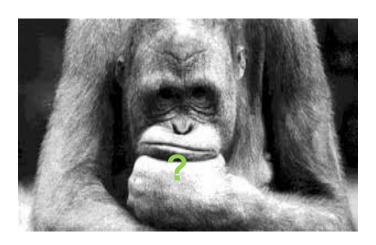
is the **pressure** exerted by a force of 1 N on an area of 1 m<sub>2</sub>.

1 Pa = 1 N/m<sup>2</sup> = 1 (kg m)/(m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>2</sup>)

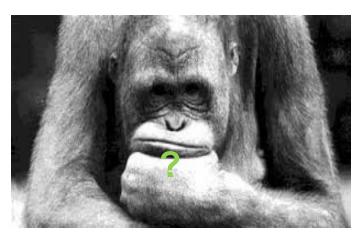


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## How can I indicate how much of a substance is present?



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#### Note:

Quantity symbols are always associated with a quantity (number). Quantity symbols are ALWAYS in italics.

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Each base quantity is assigned a dimension with the same name.

For example, in the International System of Quantities (ISQ), the dimension of the base quantity mass is also called mass. A quantity is symbolized with a letter written in italics (quantity symbol) – in the case of mass with "m".

The **symbol of a dimension**, on the other hand, is an upright sans serif capital letter – in the case of mass, "**M**".

The corresponding coherent unit of mass is the kilogram (kg).

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$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} [g/mL]$$

 $m = 1.10 \text{ g/ml} \times 100 \text{ mL} = 110 \text{ g}$ 

### **GEHALTSGRÖßEN**

#### **MENGENGRÖßEN**

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Convert from *m* to *n* via the molar mass (*M* ):

$$M = \frac{m}{n}$$
 [g/mol]

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### **Revision: THE MOLE...**

The number of particles corresponds to **6,022** 140 76 **x 10<sup>23</sup>** particles.

The quantity is called the **Avogadro number**  $(N_A)$ 

Thus the amount of substance of 1 mol has exactly  $6.02214076 \times 10^{23}$  particles (=natural constant)

### Each of these samples consists of 1 mole of the element

Clockwise from top right:

32.065 g	Sulphur
200.59 g	Mercury
207.2 g	Lead
63.546 g	Copper
12.011 g	Carbon



...how many atoms are there in each?
...and it's 6.02214076 x 10<sup>23</sup> atoms of that element

### **E4.1 Number of moles in a sample**

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1 mol Cu = 63.546 g Cu => M = 63.546 g/mol Hier steckt eine Schlussrechnung drinnen!

Masse  $m(Cu)(g) = n \times M = 1.234 \text{ mol} * 63.546 \text{ g/mol} = \frac{78.42 \text{ g Cu}}{1.234 \text{ mol}}$ 

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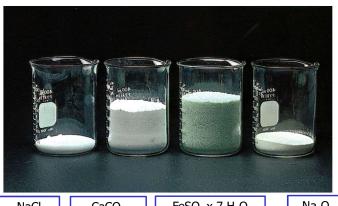
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M(Sn) = 118.71 g/mol => 1 mol Sn = 118.71 g Sn

Number of moles (amount of substance) Sn : n = m/M = 100.0 g / 118.71 g/mol= 0.8424 mol Sn

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### **MOLAR MASS OF COMPOUNDS**



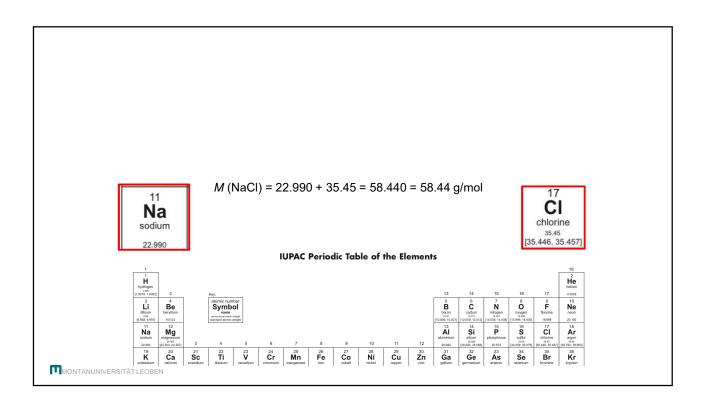
NaCl

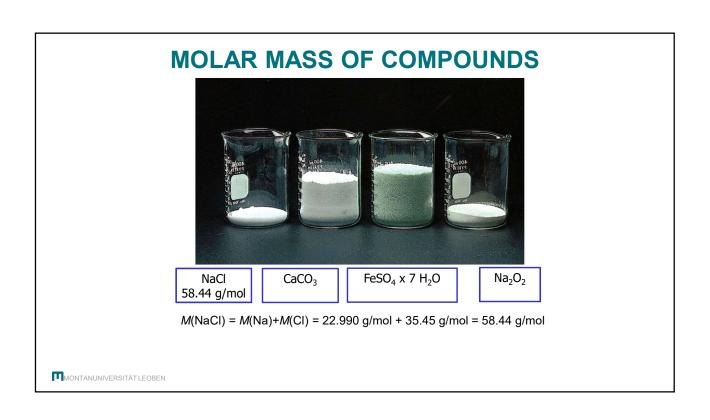
CaCO<sub>3</sub>

FeSO<sub>4</sub> x 7 H<sub>2</sub>O

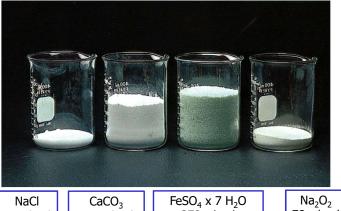
 $Na_2O_2$ 

The molar masses of compounds are the sum of the molar masses of the atoms in that compound





### **MOLAR MASS OF COMPOUNDS**



58 g/mol

100 g/mol

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{FeSO}_4 \text{ x 7 H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{278 g/mol} \end{array}$ 

78 g/mol

 $M(\text{FeSO}_4 \times 7 \text{ H}_2\text{O}) = M(\text{Fe}) + M(\text{S}) + 4 \times M(\text{O}) + 14 \times M(\text{H}) + 7 \times M(\text{O}) = 55.8 \text{ g/mol} + 32.1 \text{ g/mol} + 4 \times 16.0 \text{ g/mol} + 14 \times 1.01 + 7 \times 16.0 \text{ g/mol} = 278.0 \text{ g/mol}$ 

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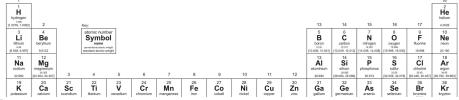


M (NaCl) = 22.990 + 35.45 = 58.440 = 58.44 g/mol

$$n = (20 \text{ g}) / (58.44 \text{ g/mol}) = 0.34223 = 0.34 \text{ mol}$$



**IUPAC Periodic Table of the Elements** 



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1 mol of sulphuric acid  $M(H_2SO_4) = 98.07$  g/mol Given n = m/M, it follows that  $m = M \times n = 98.07 \times 0.2500 = 24.52$  g



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1 mol  $Fe_2O_3$  contains 2 mol Fe and 3 mol O  $M(Fe_2O_3)$  = 159.687 g/mol; M(Fe) = 55.845 g/mol

That means in 159.687 g  $Fe_2O_3$  there are 2 x 55,845 = 111,69 g Fe.

 $X(Fe) = m(Fe)/m(Fe_2O_3) = 111.69/159.687 = 0.6994$ 



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 $M(H_2O) = 2 \times M(H) + M(O) = 2 \times 1.008 + 15.999 = 18.015 \text{ g/mol}$ 



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The density of water is approximately 1.000 kg/L  $m(H_2O) = 1.000 \text{ kg} = 1000 \text{ g}$ 

$$n = \frac{m}{M}$$

$$n = \frac{1000 \text{g/mol}}{18,015 \text{g/mol}} = 55,51 \text{mol}$$

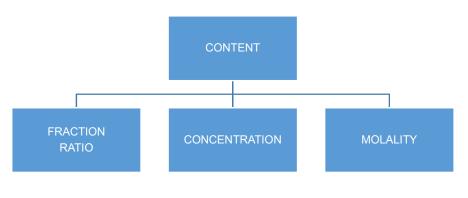
In 1L of water there are 55.51 mol H<sub>2</sub>O molecules

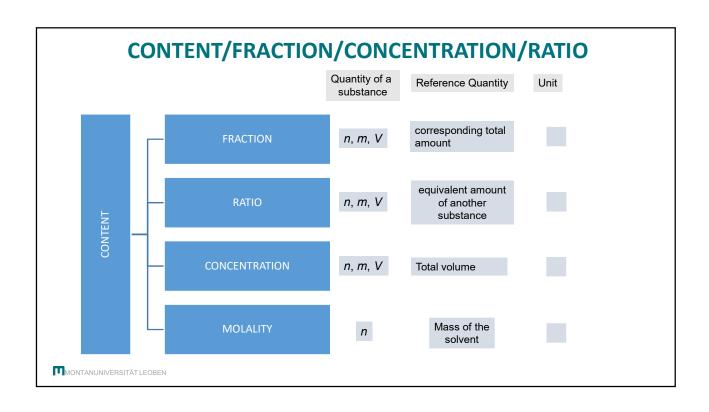


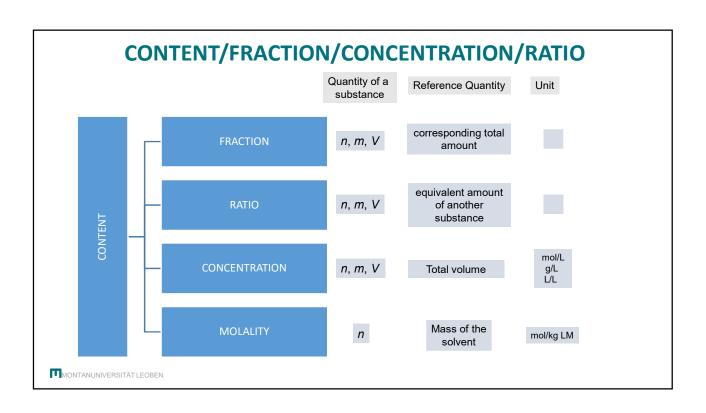
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### **CONTENT/FRACTION/CONCENTRATION/RATIO**

- **CONTENT**: indicates the quantity of a substance in a mixture
- Content quantities are physical-chemical quantities for the quantitative description of the composition of mixtures.







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(Remark: refers to the Volumes BEFORE mixing)

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• The numerical value is between 0 and 1

The fraction MAY also be specified in:

- Percent (%) e.g.  $\varphi$  % (also as Vol.%) as 1 part per 100
- Permille (%) as 1 part per 1000
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IUPAC does NOT recommend using these variations! If used, state ONLY the type  $(w, x \text{ oder } \varphi)$ 

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(Remark: refers to the volumes AFTER mixing)

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### **MOLALITY**

$$b(a) = \frac{n_a}{m_{\text{solvent}}}$$

(Remark: refers to the amount of substance of a substance per kg of solvent)

The molality b is required as a specification of content if the temperature is not constant (the volume in the specification of concentration changes with the temperature)

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Größe	Definitionsgleichung ( Zweikomponentengemisch )	englisch	Größen- zeichen	Einheit (Beispiel)
Massenanteil	$w(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{m(\mathbf{A})}{m(\mathbf{A}) + m(\mathbf{B})}$	mass fraction	w	g/g
Stoffmengenanteil	$X(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{n(\mathbf{A})}{n(\mathbf{A}) + n(\mathbf{B})}$	amount-of-substance fraction	x	mol / mol
Volumenanteil	$\varphi(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{V(\mathbf{A})}{V(\mathbf{A}) + V(\mathbf{B})}$	volume fraction	φ	1/1
Massenkonzentration	$\beta(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{m(\mathbf{A})}{V(\text{Gemisch})}$	mass concentration	β. ρ.	g/I
(Stoffmengen-) Konzentration	$c(A) = \frac{n(A)}{V(Gemisch)}$	(amount-of-substance) concentration	c	mol / I
Volumenkonzentration	$\sigma(A) = \frac{V(A)}{V(Gemisch)}$	volume concentration	σ	171
Massenverhältnis	$\zeta(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{m(\mathbf{A})}{m(\mathbf{B})}$	mass ratio	ζ.	g/g
Stoffmengenverhältnis	$R(A) = \frac{n(A)}{n(B)}$ $\psi(A) = \frac{V(A)}{V(B)}$	amount(-of-substance) ratio	R r	mol / mol
Volumenverhältnis	$\psi(\mathrm{A}) = \frac{V(\mathrm{A})}{V(\mathrm{B})}$	volume ratio	ψ	1/1
Molalität	$b(\mathrm{A}) = rac{n(\mathrm{A})}{m(\mathrm{B})}$	molality	ь	mol / kg
Stoffmenge pro Masse des Gemisches	$?(A) = \frac{n(A)}{m(Gemisch)}$		Nach DIN unbenannte Gehaltsgröße. Symbol nicht vereinbart 10)	mmol /g

#### **EXAMPLE 4.7**

Calculate the mole fraction of sucrose ( $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ ) in a solution made by dissolving 5.00 g sucrose in 100.0 g water.

Approach to the solution:

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#### **EXAMPLE 4.8**

Calculate the amount of NaOH in a volume of 25.00 ml of a NaOH(aq) solution with  $c=0.150\ mol/L$  ?

Approach to the solution:

#### **EXAMPLE 4.9**

In addition to iron, 100 g of a CrNi 18-8 steel alloy contains 0.346 mol chromium and 0.137 mol nickel. Calculate the mass fraction of chromium and nickel in this alloy.

Approach to the solution:

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#### **EXAMPLE 4.10**

What is the molar concentration of K<sup>+</sup> in a potassium sulfate solution that has a mass fraction  $w(K_2SO_4)$  of 0.030? Density of the solution  $\rho$  = 1.06 g/mL

Approach to the solution:

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#### **EXAMPLE 4.11**

How much water do you need to add to 100 mL of a  $\rm H_2SO_4$  solution with  $\beta$  = 0.05 g/mL to get a solution that has c = 0.050 mol/L?

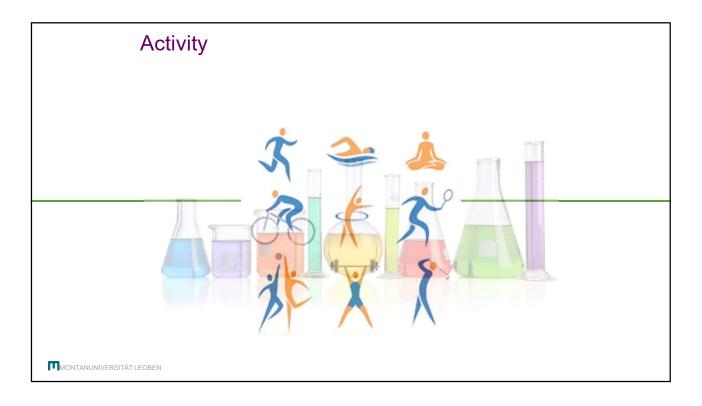
Approach to the solution:

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#### **EXAMPLE 4.12**

How much water do you have to remove from 100 mL of a NaCl solution with c=0.100 mol/L to get a solution that has c=0.150 mol/L?

Approach to the solution:



### **Activity**

- Die Aktivität eines Stoffes ist eine thermodynamische Größe zur Beschreibung realer Mischungen.
- The activity of a substance describes its
   "effective concentration", i.e. which part of the particles is effective, and takes mutual interactions into account.
   (e.g. Coulombic interactions, hydrogen bonding, Van der Waals forces...)
- All analytical measurements give the activity and not the analytical concentration. (e.g. conductivity; glass electrode; )
- The activity of a pure substance in the standard state is 1.

### **Activity**

- 1. Obtain a dimensionless quantity by referring to a standard quantity
- 2. Consideration of mutual interactions

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### **Activity (gases)**

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$$f = \phi * (p/p^0);$$

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$$a = \gamma x (c/c^0);$$

where  $\gamma$  = activity coefficient that takes into account the corresponding interactions

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### **Activity (electrolyte solutions)**

- The activity of solids (e.g. in solution reactions (undissolved solute)) is equal to 1.
- From a concentration of 0.00001 mol/L, the interactions disappear (from a concentration of < 0.001 mol/L, the concentration can be used as a very good approximation)

Activity coefficien  $\gamma$  was introduced as a purely empirical value for strong electrolytes



Gilbert Newton Lewis 1875 - 1946

### **Activity (Solutions)**

#### For $\gamma$ it holds:

- $\gamma$  is a dimensionless constant or has already implemented the factor 1/c<sup>0</sup> and therefore has the dimension [L/mol].
- γ corrects deviations from ideal behavior.
- γ is between 0 and 1. (can also be >1 in the case of very high electrolyte concentrations)
- $\gamma$  depends on the ion concentration and the ion charge of all ions present in the solution :

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### **Activity (Solutions)**

#### For $\gamma$ it holds:

- the smaller the  $\gamma$ , the greater the total concentration of ions in the solution and the greater the ionic charge of the substance under consideration.
- $\gamma$  depends on the so-called **ionic strength** of a solution
- The ionic strength *I* of a solution is a measure of the electric field strength due to dissolved ions.