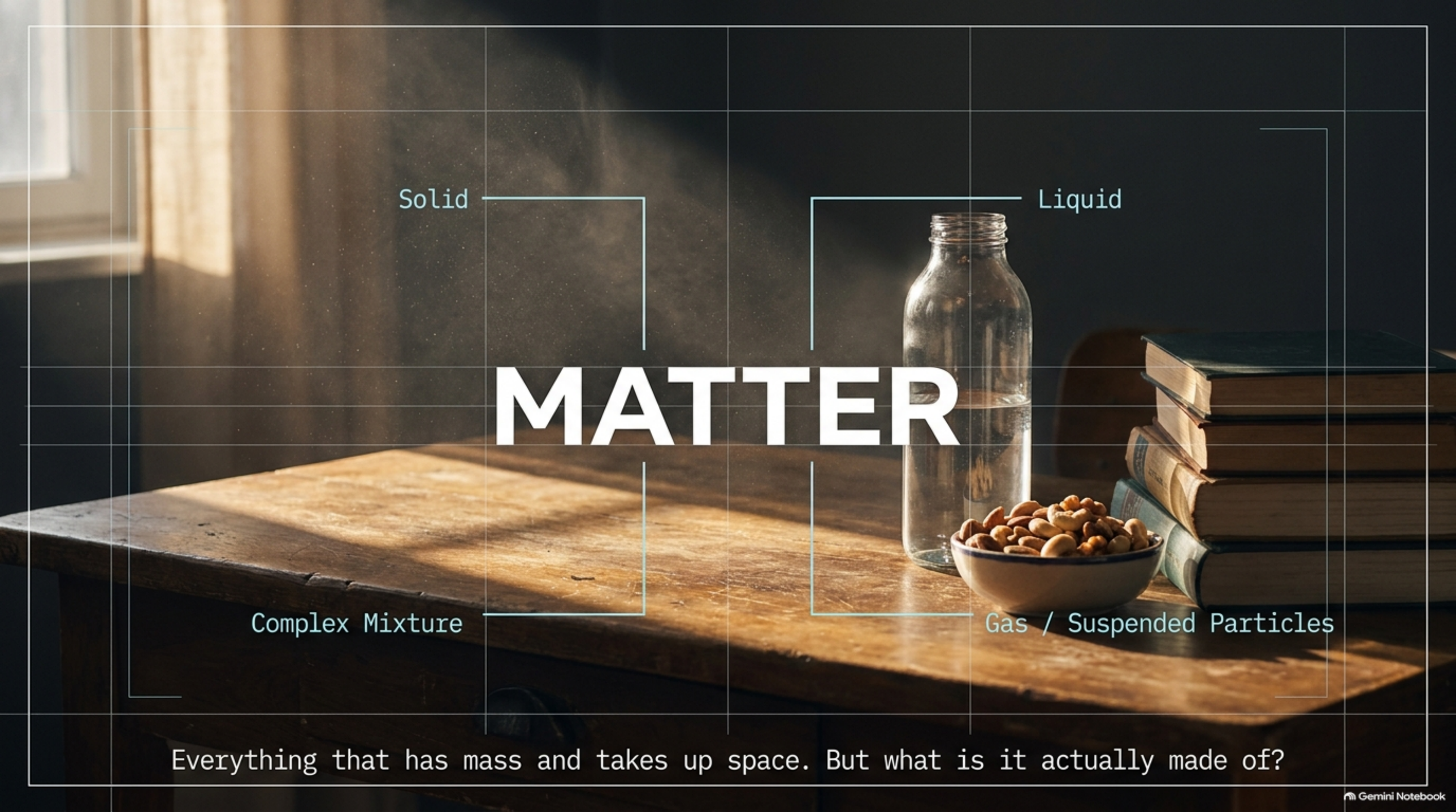


Deconstructing Reality: **The Nature of Matter**

Elements, Compounds, and Mixtures



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Everything that has mass and takes up space. But what is it actually made of?

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Mixtures: Two or more substances occupying the same space.



Sample 01: Poha



Sample 02: Sugar Water

KEY INSIGHTS:

> No chemical reaction occurs between the substances.
> Components retain their individual physical properties.
> The substances can be separated by physical means.

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Can you see the pieces?









Uniform (Homogeneous)

Non-Uniform (Heterogeneous)

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Defining ‘Pure’: Everyday vs. Scientific



Everyday ‘Pure’ (Unadulterated)



Science ‘Pure’ (One type of particle)

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The Chemical Nature of Compounds

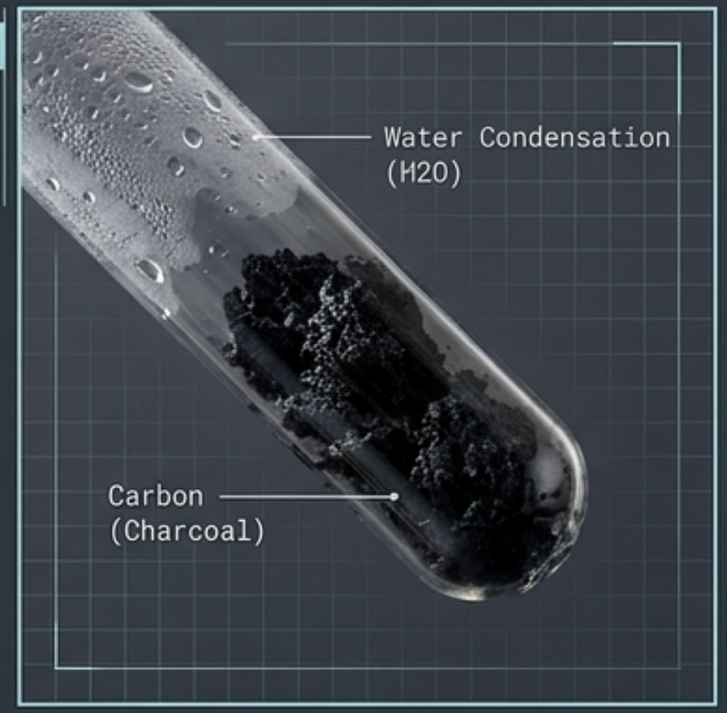
Initial State



Chemical Reaction (Heat)



Decomposition



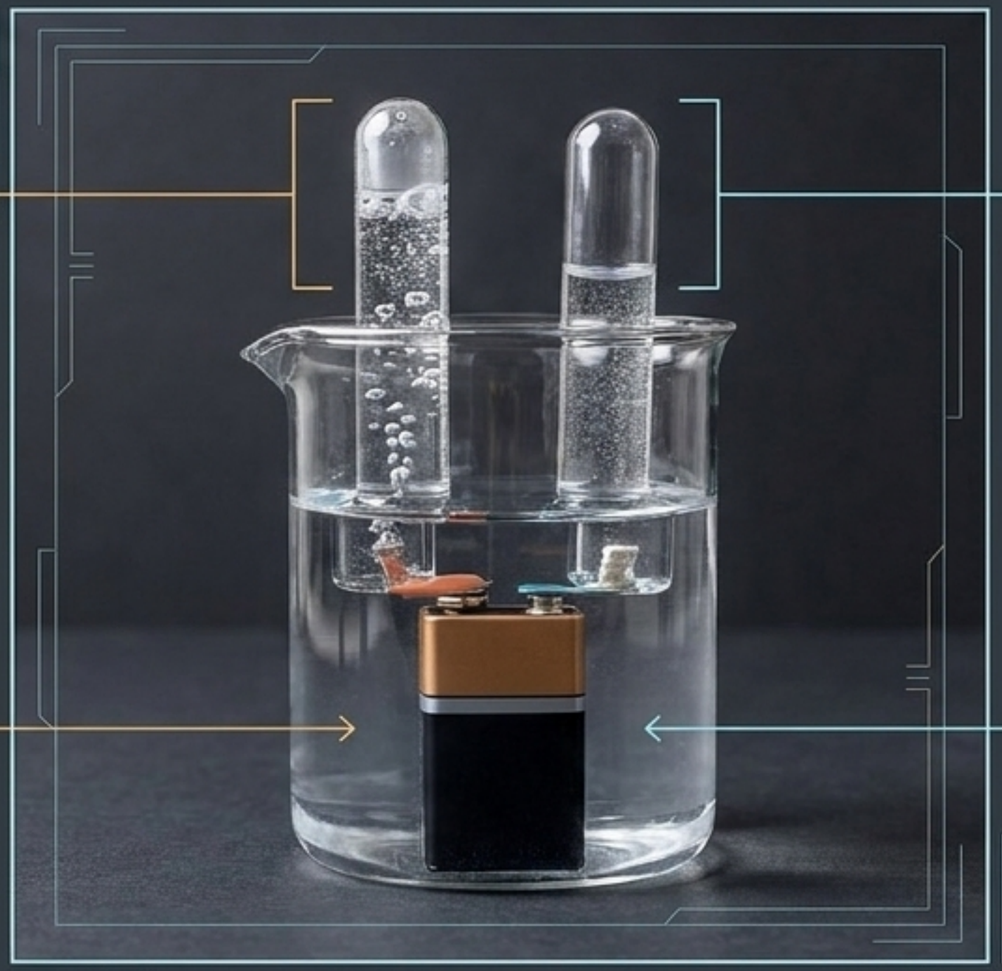
Compounds: Elements locked together in fixed ratios.

Heating sugar forces it to chemically decompose into carbon and water. Compounds can only be broken by chemical reactions, never by physical sorting.

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Electrolysis: Breaking Down Water

Hydrogen Gas (2x Volume)
Diagnostic: Pop! sound test



Oxygen Gas (1x Volume)
Diagnostic: Flame glows brighter

Water → Hydrogen + Oxygen (Strict 2:1 Ratio)

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Elements: The Ultimate Building Blocks.



Fe / Iron



S / Sulfur



O / Oxygen

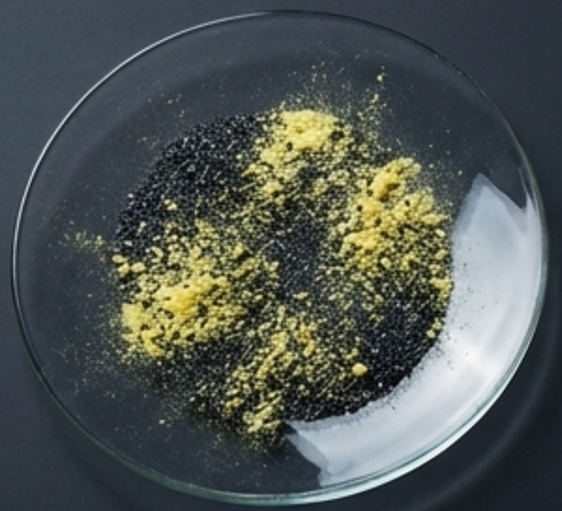


C / Carbon

Cannot be broken down further. Consist of entirely identical atoms.
There are 118 known elements that make up the entire universe.

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The Crucible: What happens when we force elements together?

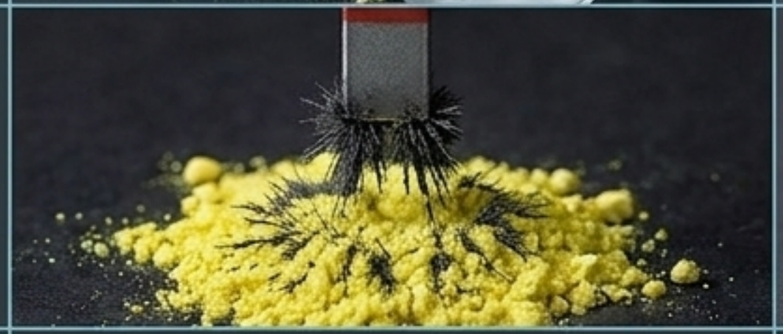
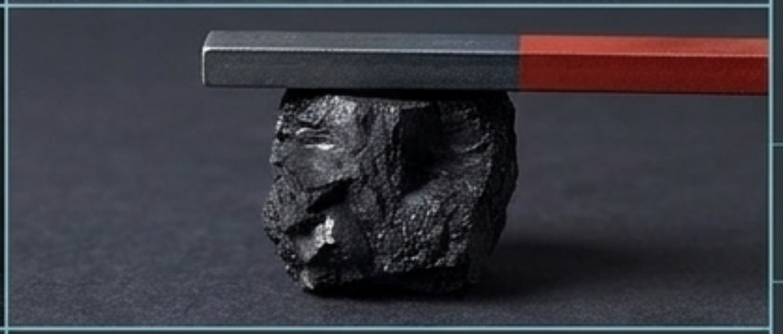


SAMPLE A:
Physically Mixed



SAMPLE B:
Chemically Bonded
(Heated)

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DIAGNOSTIC TEST	SAMPLE A (MIXTURE)	SAMPLE B (COMPOUND)
APPEARANCE		
MAGNET TEST		
ACID TEST (DILUTE HCl)	 Iron + HCl -> Iron chloride + Hydrogen gas (Pop)	 Iron sulfide + HCl -> Iron chloride + Hydrogen sulfide gas (Rotten egg odour)

Sample A (Mixture) retains its original properties. Sample B (Compound) creates entirely new properties.

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The Taxonomy of Reality

Everything belongs exactly here.

MATTER

PURE SUBSTANCES

ELEMENTS
Atoms



COMPOUNDS
Molecules in fixed ratios



MIXTURES

UNIFORM
Homogeneous



NON-UNIFORM
Heterogeneous



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Quartz


Calcite


Mica


Talc

Minerals: The Earth's naturally occurring compounds.

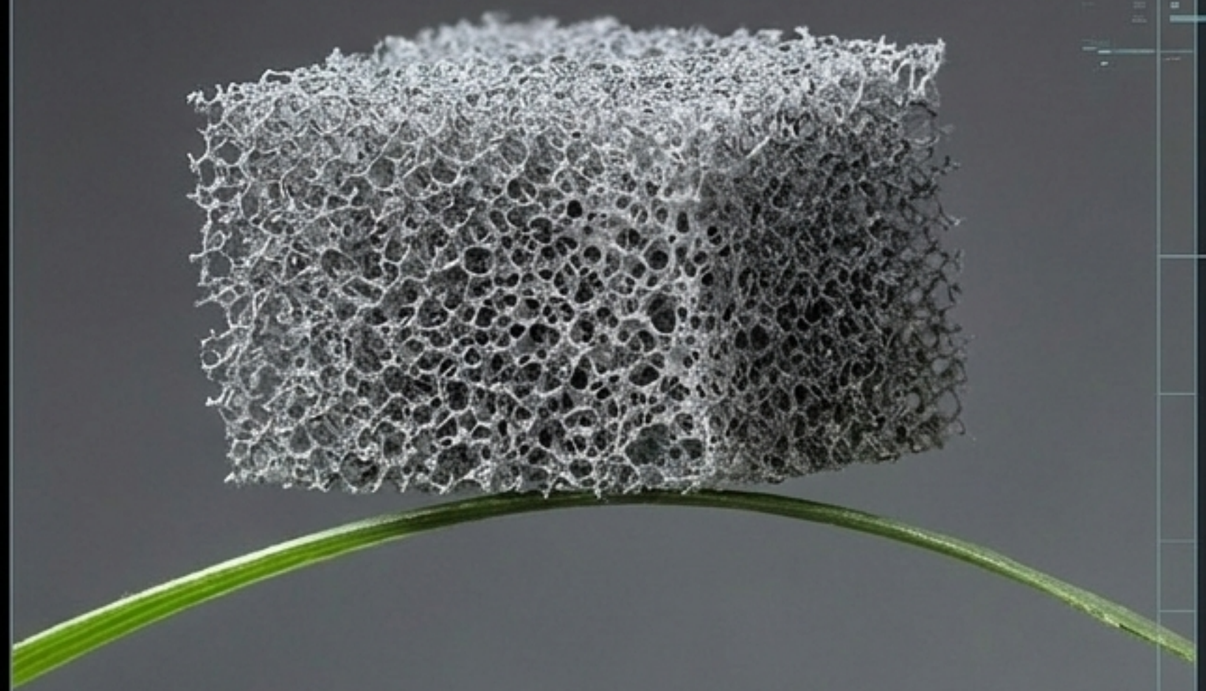
Nature's solid compounds (and rare native elements like gold) have fixed chemical compositions. They are the raw ingredients harvested to build our everyday lives.

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Mastering matter allows us to build the impossible. From ancient bronze to the lightest material on Earth.



Mishraloha (Ancient Alloys)



Graphene Aerogel (Modern Carbon Wonder)

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KEEP THE CURIOSITY ALIVE.

How would our daily lives be fundamentally changed if water were not a compound, but just a physical mixture of hydrogen and oxygen gases?

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