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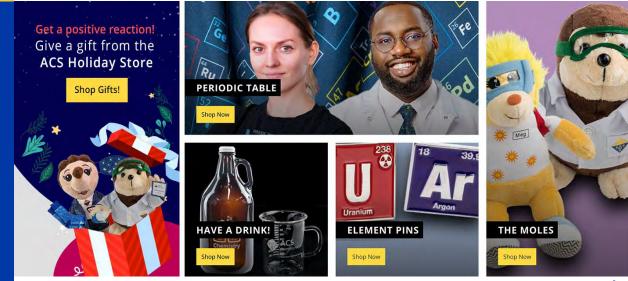
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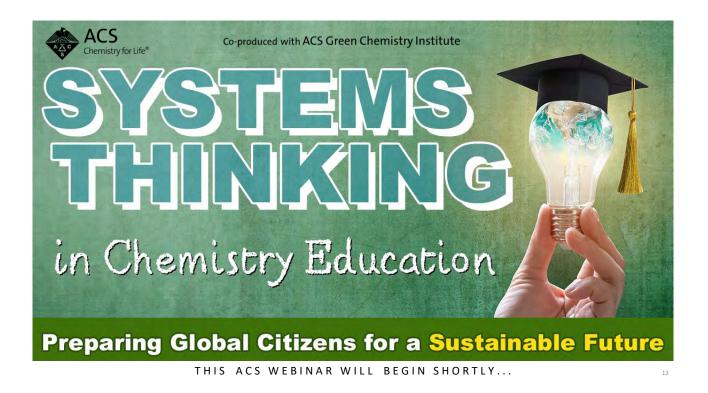
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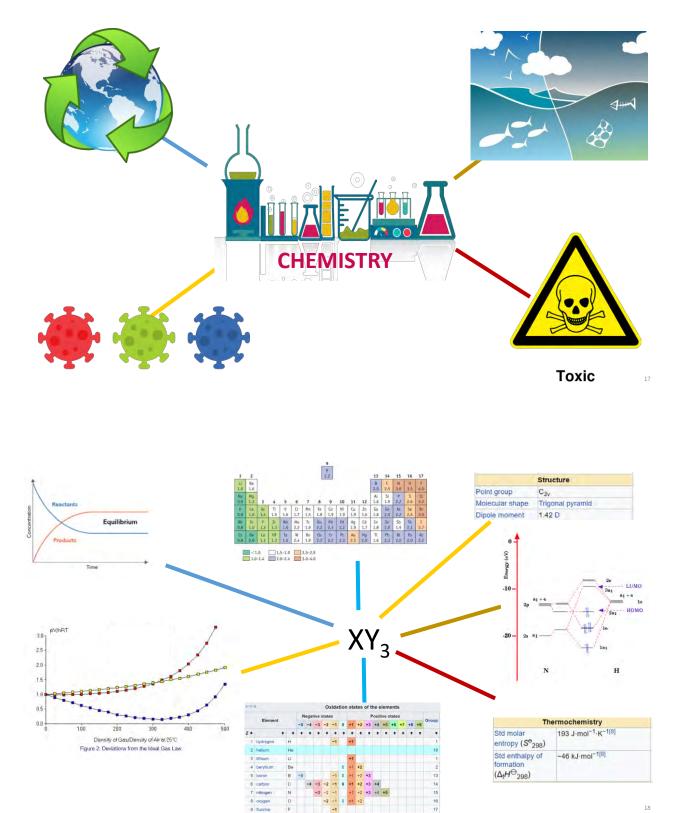




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CONTEXT-BASED TEACHING AND LEARNING

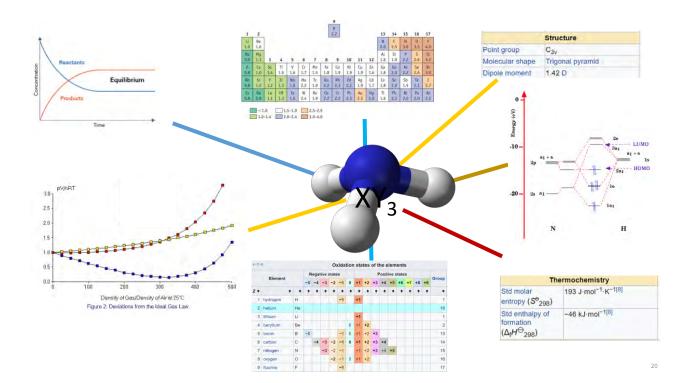


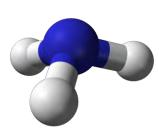


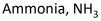
- Motivates students to learn science
- Promotes ability to see connections between chemistry and their everyday world
- Promotes long-term retention of knowledge

Illustration by Dan Bright, in https://edu.rsc.org/feature/putting-chemistry-in-context/2000106.article

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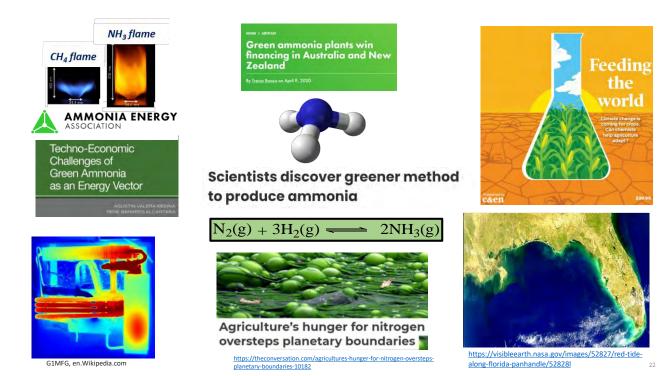




 $N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \longrightarrow 2NH_3(g)$ Haber-Bosch Process

Fritz Haber was a German chemist who received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1918 for his invention of the Haber-Bosch process, the method used in industry to synthesize ammonia from nitrogen and hydrogen gases.



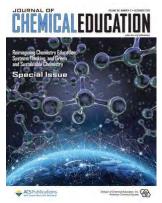


Systems Thinking

"an approach for examining and addressing complex behaviors and phenomena from a more holistic perspective" (Orgill et al., 2019, p. 2720)



help the next generation address emerging global challenges?



December 2019



Orgill, M.; York, S.; MacKellar, J. Introduction to systems thinking for the chemistry education community. J. Chem. Educ. 2019, ACS Editors' Choice 96 (12), 2720-2729; DOI: 10.1021/acs.jchemed.9b00169.

https://iupac.org/projects/project-details/?project_nr=2017-010-1-050 (P. Mahaffy & S. Matlin, project group co-chairs)

Benefits of Systems Thinking

Promotes learning of chemistry content

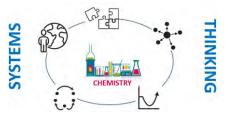
- More meaningful learning
- Increased retention of content.
- Increased motivation to learn science

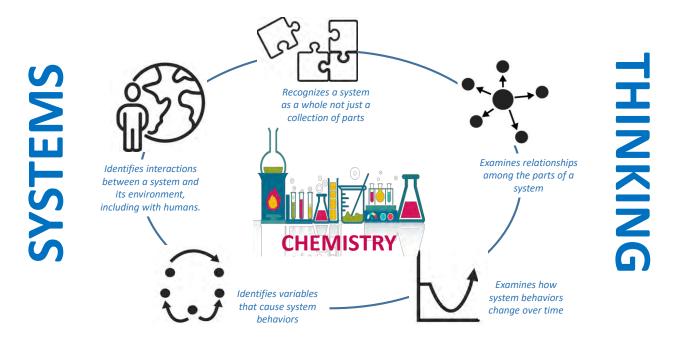
Develops the knowledge and skills needed for reasoning about chemical phenomena

- Improved question asking abilities
- Improved critical thinking and problem-solving skills

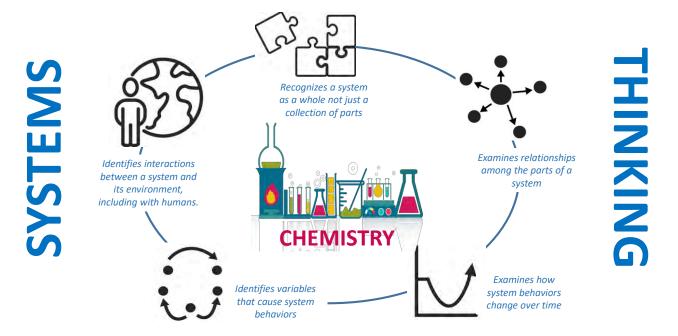
Prepares students to understand and address complex, real-world problems in order to promote planetary sustainability

- Increased abilities to see connections between chemistry and other disciplines
- Increased abilities to transfer knowledge and skills from one problem situation to another
- Increased sense of ability to effect change in the world around a student





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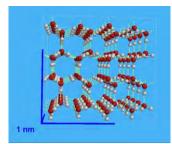
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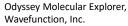
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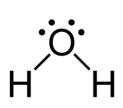
Which benefit of systems thinking do you think is MOST important for helping students become global citizens who promote a sustainable future?

- Increased retention of chemistry content
- Increased motivation to learn science
- Improved critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Increased abilities to see connections between chemistry and other disciplines
- Increased ability to transfer knowledge and skills to new situations



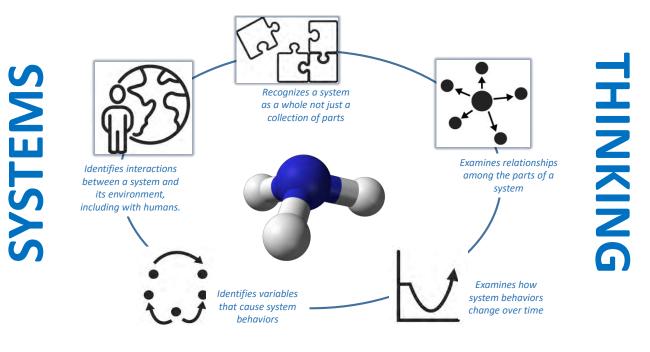




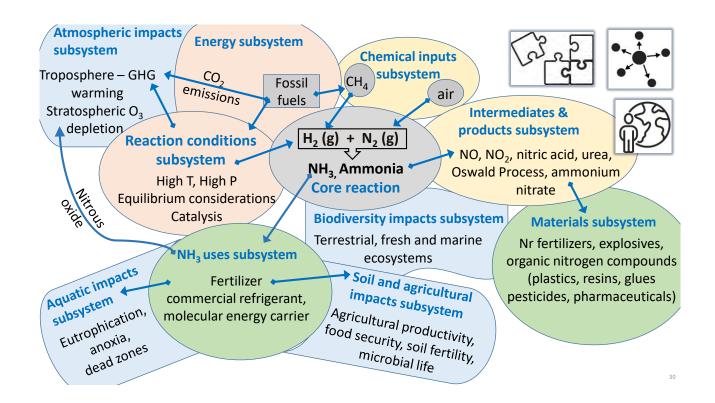


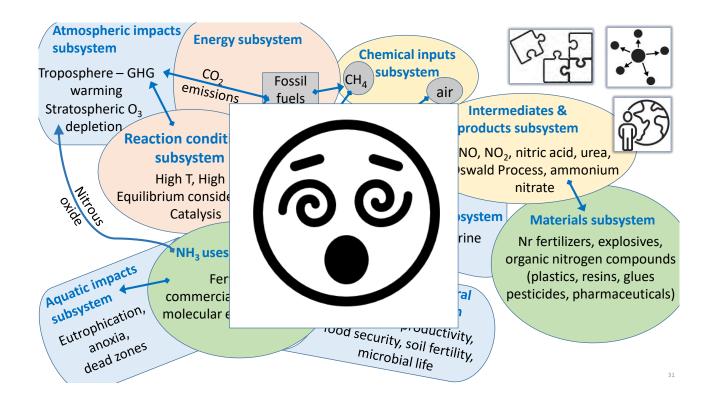
Water as a chemical system

Odyssey Molecular Explorer, V6.0 Wave Function Inc, Lab 69: The Melting Transition at the Molecular Level



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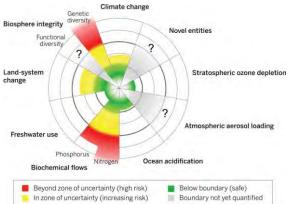




Systems Thinking is identified as one of 5 key competencies as essential for a sustainable future*



169 targets require strategies based on consideration of systems rooted in the flow of materials and energy: Fundamental chemistry at the heart



Planetary Boundaries Framework

Steffen et. al. Planetary boundaries: Guiding human development on a changing planet, *Science*, **2015**, DOI: 10.1126/science.1259855

*Wiek, A., et. al. Key competencies in sustainability: a reference framework for academic program development, *Sustainability Science* **2011**, 6:2, 203-218

The Molecular/Material Basis of Sustainability

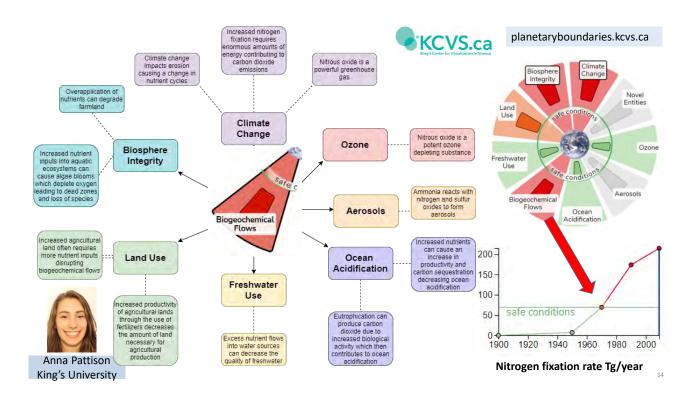
- The flow of material and energy is integral to all aspects of society and the environment.
- Chemistry understands and <u>controls</u> matter through analyzing, synthesizing, and transforming substances.
- Chemistry education has a special responsibility to address the sustainability of earth and societal systems.
- <u>Molecular basis of sustainability</u>: "The ways in which the material basis of society and economy underlie considerations of how present and future generations can live within the limits of the natural world."
- MBOS: Important, but largely invisible aspect of both sustainability agendas and our chemistry courses!

Circular Chemisty Creen Chemistry Sustainability Science Life Cycle Assessment

Anastas, P. T., Zimmerman, J. B. The molecular basis of sustainability. Chem 2016, 1, 10-12

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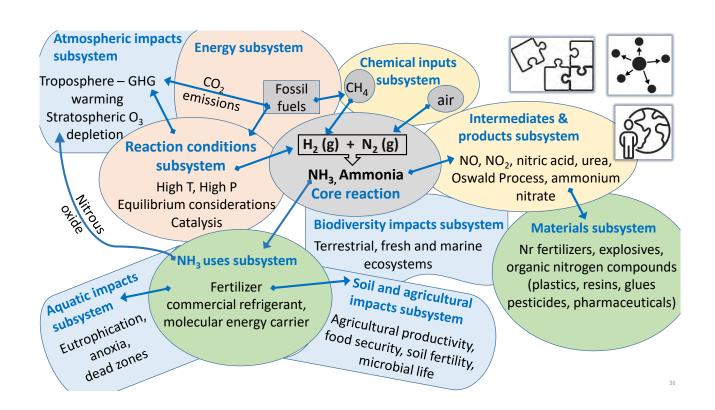


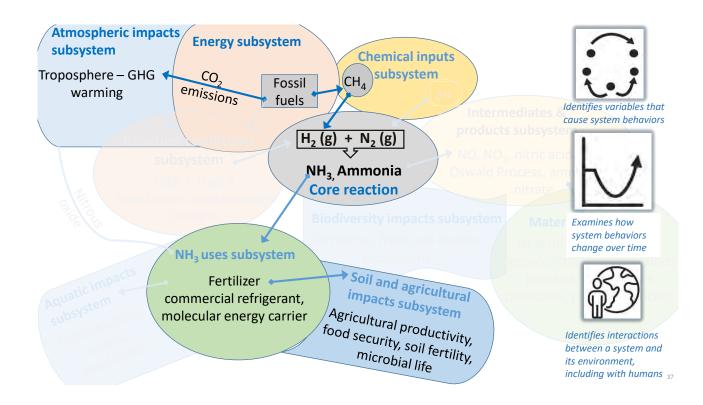
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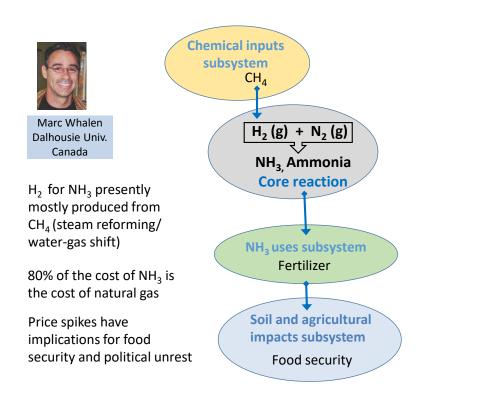
ANSWER THE QUESTION ON BLUE SCREEN IN ONE MOMENT

Where do you think ammonia and reactive N best fits into the 1st year post-secondary chemistry curriculum?

- Equilibrium and kinetics
- Thermochemistry
- Structure and bonding
- Main group chemistry
- All of the above









Identifies variables that cause system behaviors



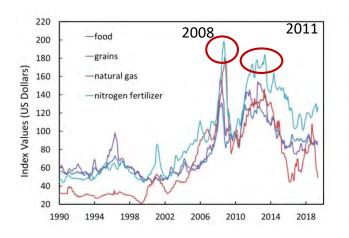
Examines how system behaviors change over time



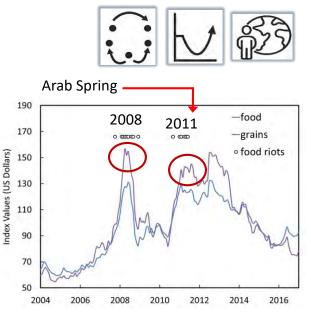
Identifies interactions between a system and its environment, including with humans ₃₈

Global prices of fossil fuels, fertilizers, and food are linked

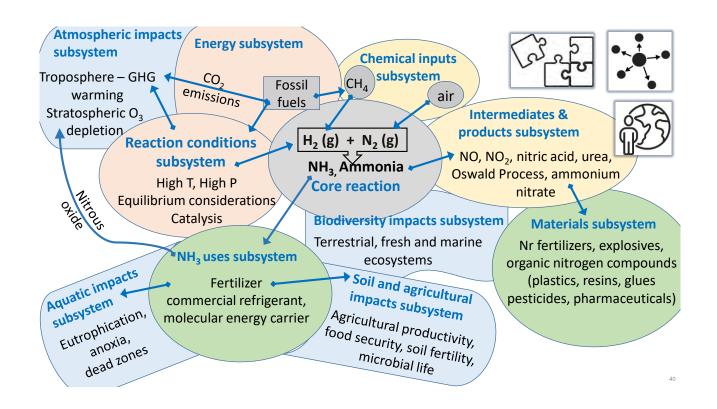
80% of the cost of NH₃ is the cost of natural gas

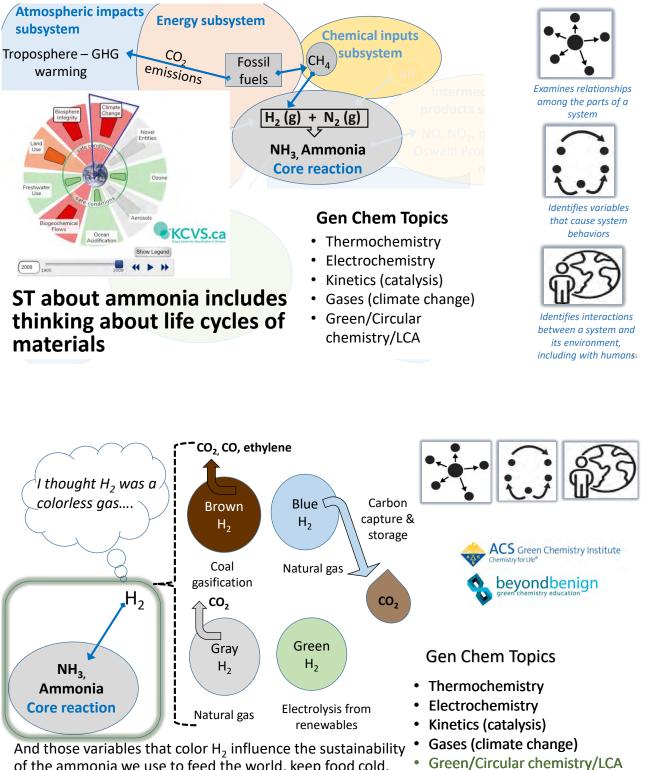


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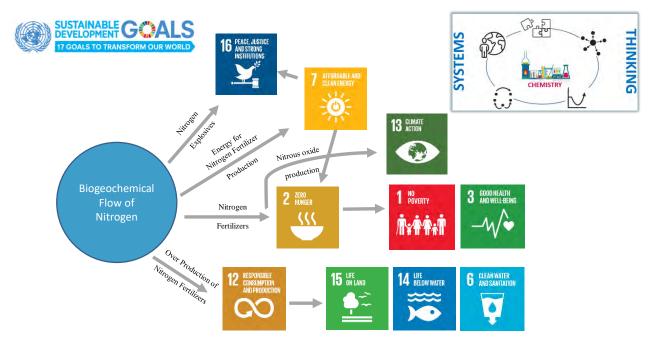


http://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation/foodpricesindex/en/ M. Lagi, et al. SSRN, 2011. Accessed at: arXiv:1108.2455





of the ammonia we use to feed the world, keep food cold, and develop a promising low carbon molecular energy carrier!



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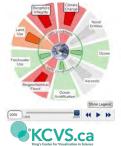
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- King's Centre for Visualization in Science (KCVS). Planetary Boundaries interactive digital learning resource: planetaryboundaries.kcvs.ca

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- New IUPAC Global Project: Systems Thinking in Chemistry for Sustainability: Toward 2030 and Beyond (STCS 2030+) - <u>https://iupac.org/project/2020-014-3-050</u>
 - Strengthen contributions of Chemistry as a Sustainability Science, including engaging with IYBSSD 2022
 - Guiding further development of ST in Chemistry Education
 - Engaging further with chemical industry

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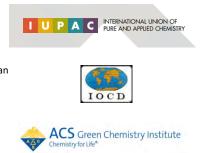
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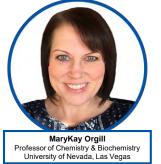




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