Compounds, Formulas & Nomenclature

Chapter 2

Chemical Compounds





Molecular Compounds

- A *molecule* is a collection of atoms that are covalently bound (share electrons).
- A molecule acts as a single, free entity and is smallest units of *covalent compounds*.

 $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$

- The *formula* for a molecular compound is the number of atoms of various elements in a single molecule.
- Examples: H₂O





 SO_{2}

Representations of Molecular Compounds









Plastic model



Ball-and-stick model



Space-filling model



All visualizing techniques represent the same molecule.

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- An ion is an atom (or group of bonded atoms) that has lost or gained electrons, resulting in a charge.
- An ionic compound is formed when positively charged ions and negatively charged ions attract
- Ionic compounds are neutral.
- The *formula* for an ionic compound is the smallest whole number ratio of ions in a compound. This is the *formula unit.*
- Ions in an ionic compound form crystals - a lattice of repeating positive and negative ions.
- Examples: NaCl, Fe₂O₃, Al(SO₄)₃

Ionic Compounds



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Ion formation

- Valence electrons are the outermost electrons in an atom. These electrons participate in bonding of atoms.
- Cations are atoms that have a positive charge.
- Anions are atoms that have a negative charge.
- Monatomic lons are ions composed of a single atom.
- Polyatomic lons are ions composed of two or more atoms.

Cations

- Metals tend to LOSE electrons to achieve an octet 8 valence electrons.
- Neutral metals are **oxidized** to form CATIONS (positive ions).
- The process of **oxidation** involves the **loss of one or more electrons**.



Anions

- Non-metals generally GAIN electrons to achieve an octet.
- Neutral non-metals are reduced to form ANIONS (negative ions).
- The process of reduction involves the gaining of one or more electrons.



• Other examples:

 $S + 2e^{-} \rightarrow S^{2-}$ Cl + 1e^{-} \rightarrow Cl^{-}

Predicting the Charges of Monatomic Ions:

- The periodic table can help us to determine what the charge on ions will be.
- Noble gases (group 8A) have a very stable electron configuration, and generally do not form ions. They are *inert*, or *non-reactive*.
- A group elements usually gain or lose electrons to get the same number of electrons as a noble gas.
- Ions formed from A group metals and non-metals have very predictable charges that can be determined from their placement on the table.

Predicting the Charges of Monatomic lons:

- Ions formed from metals in groups 1A, 2A, and 3A have positive charges equal to their group number.
 Na forms +1 ions, Sr forms +2 ions, and Al forms +3 ions.
- Non-metals generally form ions that have charges that are equal to their distance from the end of the row.
- The Halogens (group 7A) elements form 1 ions, because they want to gain one electron to have the same number of electrons as a Noble Gas.
- The non-metals in the Oxygen group form –2 ions and those in the Nitrogen group form – 3 ions.

Predicting the Charges of Monatomic Ions:

- In general, Carbon and many of the metalloids do not form ions, but instead make covalent compounds.
- For other metals on the periodic table, it is harder to predict the charges of their ions,
- The transition metals, or B-group metals, often form more than one kind of cation. The names of these elements will include a roman numeral that tells the charge.
- Also, the metals below the non-metals (p-block) often have more than one possible charge and require a Roman numeral to indicate their charge.
- Examples:

 $Iron (II) = Fe^{2+}$ $Iron (III) = Fe^{3+}$

Lead (II) = Pb^{2+} Lead (IV) = Pb^{4+}

Roman Numerals

One = I Two = II Three = III Four = IV Five = V Six = VI Seven = VII Eight = VIII Nine = IX Ten = X Eleven = XI Twelve = XII

Some Common Monatomic Ions



Polyatomic Ions

- Polyatomic ions are ions composed of more than one atom.
- Polyatomic ions may be cations or anions.
- They are covalently bound groups of atoms that have lost or gained electrons.
- Polyatomic ions are "molecules with a charge".

Sulfate Oxoanion



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Ion name	Ion Formula	Ion name	Ion Formula
ammonium	$\mathbf{NH_4^+}$	hydrogen	
cyanide	CN ⁻	carbonate	HCO ₃ -
hydroxide	OH-	(bicarbonate)	
nitrate	NO ₃ -	phosphate	PO ₄ ³⁻
nitrite	NO ₂ ⁻	hydrogen phosphate	HPO ₄ ^{2–}
sulfate	SO ₄ ^{2–}	dihydrogen	
sulfite	SO ₃ ^{2–}	phosphate $H_2PO_4^-$	$H_2PO_4^{-}$
hydrogen	HSO_4^{-}	permanganate	MnO ₄ ⁻
sulfate		perchlorate	ClO ₄ ⁻
(bisulfate)		chlorate	ClO ₃ -
carbonate	CO ₃ ^{2–}	chlorite	

hypochlorite

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General Properties of Ionic Compounds

- All ionic compounds are neutral, and composed of cations and anions whose charges cancel (add up to zero).
- The *formula unit* is the smallest ratio of cations and anions.
- Many ionic compounds are composed of a metal and a non-metal.
- In other cases, the cation and/or anion is a polyatomic ion.

Ionic Compound: Sodium chloride = NaCl





Ionic Compound: ammonium chloride, NH₄Cl



Predicting Formulas of a Ionic Compounds:

 What is the formula for a compound formed by the combination of magnesium ions and chloride ions?

Mg forms +2 ions. CI forms –1 ions.

 Because compounds are NEUTRAL, one Mg⁺² ion will combine with two Cl⁻¹ ions.

 Therefore, the formula for magnesium chloride is MgCl₂.

Predicting Formulas of Ionic Compounds:

• When writing formulas:

- the cation (often a metal) is always written first
- the anion (often a non-metal) is always written second.
- The SMALLEST ratio of cation to anion is always written.
- The charges on the ions are not usually written in the formula of the ionic compound.
- The formula for magnesium chloride is $MgCl_2$ not Mg_2Cl_4 not $Mg^{2+}Cl_2$.

Predicting Formulas of Ionic Compounds

- We can always reason out how the charges cancel by adding them up. However, there is a simpler way:
- What is the formula for an ionic compound made up of aluminum and oxygen?
 - Al forms +3 ions. O forms –2 ions.
- To find the formula, simply write both ions in correct order, and CROSS charges:

• The compound is neutral:

 Al_2O_3 2 x (Al⁺³) = +6 3 x (O⁻²) = -6

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(neutral)

Considering Polyatomic Ions in writing formulas:

- In some cases, the metal or non-metal is replaced by a polyatomic ion.
- The polyatomic ion is simply treated as a SINGLE UNIT.
- What is the formula for the combination of potassium ions and nitrate ions into an ionic compound?

K forms +1 ions. **Nitrate** (NO_3^{-1}) is a -1 ion.

The formula for potassium nitrate is KNO₃.

Considering Polyatomic Ions in writing formulas:

 What is the formula for the combination of Aluminum and sulfate ions?





 Parentheses must be used when more than one of the same polyatomic ion is in the formula unit.

Write formulas for IONIC compounds:

- 1. Potassium bromide
- 2. Sodium oxide
- 3. Strontium phosphide
- 4. Aluminum sulfide
- 5. Ammonium sulfate
- 6. Nickel (II) phosphate
- 7. Magnesium nitrite
- 8. Lead (IV) selenide

Binary Ionic Compounds

- Binary means "two".
- Any compound composed of just two elements (not necessarily two atoms) is a binary compound.
- A **binary ionic compound** is composed of a metal and a non-metal.
- Examples: NaCl $MgBr_2$ Al_2O_3
- Ionic compounds with a polyatomic ion are NOT binary ionic compounds, as they will have more than two atoms.
- For example, $Mg(NO_3)_2$ is NOT a binary compound.

Naming IONIC compounds

 Naming ionic compounds is easy. You simply write the name of the CATION followed by the name of the ANION.

Naming the CATION

 If it is a Group A metal (representative elements), simply use the name of the metal.

 If the cation is a *polyatomic ion*, use the name of the ion. Note that the only common polyatomic cation is ammonium (NH₄+).

Naming the CATION

If the cation is a *Transition metal*, use the name of the element and a Roman Numeral signifying the charge.

 $Cu^{+2} = copper (II)$ $Mn^{+7} = manganese (VII)$ $Mn^{+2} = manganese (II)$

 EXCEPTIONS: No Roman Numeral is needed for naming.
 Zn always forms +2 ions

- Cd always forms +2 ions
- Ag always forms +1 ions

Naming the CATION

- If the cation is a metal in the p-block of the periodic table (underneath the stair-step line), it may also need a Roman numeral to signify its charge.
 - **Pb** and **Sn** both may have +2 or +4 charges:

 $Pb^{2+} = lead (II)$ $Pb^{4+} = lead (IV)$

TI and In both may have +1 or +3 charges:
 In⁺ = Indium (I) In³⁺ = Indium (III)

Naming the ANION

If the anion is a non-metal, then follow these 2 steps:

- 1. Drop the suffix on the element name.
- 2. Add –*ide*.
 - Example:

For chlorine, drop the –ine and add –ide.
The name of chlorine as an anion is chloride.
Other Examples:
Fluorine → fluoride
Oxygen → oxide
Phosphorus → phosphide

Naming the ANION

- If the anion is a *polyatomic ion*, use the name of the ion. See table in the book.
- Note that most polyatomic anions end in *–ite* or *–ate*.
 - Exceptions:
 OH⁻ = hydroxide
 CN⁻ = cyanide

Systematic Polyatomic Ion Names

Consider the chlorine oxoanion series:

CIO ₄ -	per-chlor-ate	The ion with one additional oxygen gets a prefix of <i>per</i> -and a suffix of <i>-ate</i> .
CIO ₃ -	chlor-ate	The most common ion in a series gets the suffix <i>–ate</i> .
CIO ₂ -	<i>chlor-</i> ite	The ion with one fewer oxygen gets the suffix -<i>ite</i> .
CIO-	hypo- <i>chlor</i> -ite	The ion with two fewer oxygens gets a prefix of <i>hypo</i> – and a suffix of – <i>ite.</i> ³

Polyatomic lons and Hydrogen

 Many polyatomic oxoanions form acids when hydrogen ion covalently bond to one of the oxygens. For example:

carbonate ion = CO_3^{2-}

carbonic acid = H_2CO_3

 However, sometimes the ion will take on fewer hydrogens than need to fully cancel the charge, and you still have a polyatomic ion:

hydrogen carbonate ion = HCO_3^{-}

This ion is also known as bicarbonate.

Some sulfur oxoanions



 SO_3^{2-} = sulfite ion

HSO₄⁻ = hydrogen sulfate ion *or* bisulfate ion

Some phosphorus oxoanions

- $PO_4^{3-} = phosphate ion$
- $HPO_4^{2-} =$ hydrogen phosphate ion
- $H_2PO_4^- =$ dihydrogen phosphate ion

Write Names for these IONIC Compounds

1) Na_2SO_3 2) Na_2S 3) $Fe(NO_3)_2$ 4) $FeCl_3$ 5) $W_{3}P_{4}$

6) $Mn_{2}O_{7}$ 7) $Ca_3(PO_4)_2$ 8) $(NH_4)_2CrO_4$ 9) Znl_2 $10)PbSO_{4}$

Names and Formulas for BINARY Molecular (Covalent) Compounds

- Binary molecular compounds are composed of two non-metals.
- The ratios in which they combine are not as predictable as they are for IONIC compounds.
- For example, C and H can form compounds with many different formulas, including CH₄, C₃H₈, C₅₀H₁₀₂.

Formulas & Naming: Covalent Compounds

Rules for naming molecular compounds:

- 1. The *first* element in the formula is named by its name on the periodic table.
- The second element is named as it would be if it were the anion of the element. (Though it is not the anion!)
- 3. Use *prefixes* to indicate how many of each element is present.

Exception: If only one of the FIRST element in the formula is present, do NOT use the prefix *mono*-. Just leave it off.

Prefixes for Naming Covalent compounds:

# of atoms of element	Prefix
1	mono-
2	di-
3	tri-
4	tetra-
5	penta-
6	hexa-
7	hepta-
8	octa-
9	nona-
10	deca-
11	undeca-
12	dodeca-

Binary Covalent Compounds – Examples

- Write the name or formula:
 - 1. CO
 - 2. CO₂
 - з. N₂O₅
 - 4. N₂O
 - 5. NO₂
 - 6. P₄O₁₀
 - 7. Sulfur trichloride
 - 8. Oxygen difluoride
 - 9. Disulfur trioxide

Common Names

- Many compounds both molecular and ionic are known by their common names.
- There are three common molecular compounds with special names that you need to know:

Water	H ₂ O
Ammonia	NH ₃
Methane	CH_4

Naming Acids

- Acids are compounds that have a Hydrogen that can dissociate in water.
- Acids are named using the name of the anion as the root as shown in the table below.

Anion SUFFIX	Acid Name	Example:
-ide	Hydro- <i>root</i> -ic acid	HCI anion = chloride Acid name = hydrochloric acid
-ate	-ic acid	HCIO ₃ anion = chlorate Acid name = chloric acid
-ite	-ous acid	HCIO ₂ anion = chlorite Acid name = chlorous acid

Writing Acid names and formulas

- 1) HNO₃
- **2**) H₂SO₃
- 3) HBrO₃
- 4) HBr

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- 5) Phosphoric acid
- 6) Hydrocyanic acid
 - Nitrous acid
- 8) Hydrofluoric acid

Naming Compounds – Summary

- Determine the type of compound you are trying to name:
 - Ionic
 - Covalent (molecular)
 - Acid

2. Use the appropriate naming scheme.

Acetate ion

- The acetate anion is an organic (carbon-containing) ion.
- It is often written as a structural formula.

CH₃CO₂H

 The following formulas both represent the acetate ion and are equally valid:

 $CH_3CO_2^ C_2H_3O_2^-$

- Acetic acid is an organic acid composed of a hydrogen ion covalently bound to the acetate ion.
- Because organic acids are often written as structural formulas, the acid "H" is not always at the start of the formula. Both of the following formulas are valid for acetic acid:

Hydrates

 Hydrates are compounds that crystallize with water molecules in their crystal lattice. Hydrates contain a specific ratio of water molecules to formula units.

• Naming Hydrates:

The name of a hydrate is simply the name of the compound followed by an indication of the number of waters of hydration.

 $ZnSO_4 \cdot 4 H_2O = zinc sulfate tetrahydrate$

The Diatomic Elements – Review

- Seven elements exist as *diatomic molecules* in their elemental form.
- For example, Oxygen is an element. However, Oxygen in the air is not simply O atoms, but as O₂ molecules.
- *The diatomic elements are:*
- H₂ O₂ N₂ F₂ Cl₂ Br₂ l₂ *Note:* These elements are necessarily diatomic only when alone as elements. They will sometimes have other subscripts in compounds.

Calculating Molar Masses for Compounds

- Molar mass is the most general term of the mass of one mole of an element or compound.
- Also used are: atomic mass, formula mass, and molecular mass depending on the material described. Or, the word weight might substitute for mass.

 To calculate the molar mass for a compound, add together the atomic masses for all of the atoms in a molecule or formula unit of the compound.

Units may be expressed as amu or ^g/_{mol}