

# Chapter 8 – Nomenclature

## 8.1 Names of Atoms

Simple neutral atoms with no charge are named as is: Na is sodium atom, Ne is neon atom

⇒ Know the names and symbols for elements #1-20

*and* Ba, Co, I, Cu, Fe, Pb, Hg, Ag, Au, Zn, Sn, Sr, Ni, Br, Cr, Mn, Cd

Ba barium	Cu copper	Hg mercury
Co cobalt	Fe iron	Ag silver
I iodine	Pb lead	Au gold
Zn zinc	Sn tin	Ni nickel
Br bromine	Cr chromium	Mn manganese
Cd cadmium	Sr strontium	

### Definitions:

- **ionic compound:** *metal + nonmetal(s)* (eg. NaCl, CaBr<sub>2</sub>, KMnO<sub>4</sub>, BaSO<sub>4</sub>)
- **covalent compound:** *2 or more nonmetals* (eg. NH<sub>3</sub>, CCl<sub>4</sub>)
- **monoatomic ion:** charged ion from a *single atom* (eg Na<sup>+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, O<sup>2-</sup>)
- **polyatomic ion:** charged ion containing *2 or more atoms* (eg. OH<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>)

### Charges

- All elements **alone** have a charge of **zero** in their elemental state
- Atoms get a charge and become ions when they have lost or gained electrons

**CATIONS** - positively charged ion resulting from a neutral metal atom losing one or more e<sup>-</sup>'s.

**Fixed Charge** – The charge is always the same value – based on electron configuration.

- Typically group “A” representative metals.
  - Group IA metals always have a +1 charge when they become an ion.  
Example: Na<sup>+</sup> is sodium ion, K<sup>+</sup> is potassium ion
  - Group IIA metals always have a +2 charge when they become an ion.  
Example: Mg<sup>2+</sup> is magnesium ion, Sr<sup>2+</sup> is strontium
- Group IIIA metals always have a +3 charge when they become an ion.  
Example: Al<sup>3+</sup> is aluminum ion, Ga<sup>3+</sup> is gallium ion
- Exceptions: The transition metals Ag<sup>+1</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, and Cd<sup>2+</sup> have fixed charges.

Ion Charge	Roman Numeral
+1	I
+2	II
+3	III
+4	IV
+5	V
+6	VI

ion

**Variable Charge** – The charge can be a different value.

- Typically group “B” transition metals.
  - Use a Roman Numeral to indicate the charge of the cation if there is more than one possible charge.

Example: Fe can have two charges

$\text{Fe}^{2+}$  is iron (II) ion

$\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is iron (III) ion

- Exceptions: Group A metals Sn and Pb  
 $\text{Sn}^{2+}$  is tin (II) ion,  $\text{Sn}^{4+}$  is tin (IV) ion  
 $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  is lead (II) ion,  $\text{Pb}^{4+}$  is lead (IV) ion

**ANIONS** – negatively charged ion resulting from a neutral nonmetal atom gaining one or more  $e^-$ 's.

➤ **Monatomic anions:** Name changes for these anions by adding *-ide* ending.

➤ **Always** a fixed charged - based on electron configuration

- Group VA – gain 3  $e^-$ 's to make 3- ions.

$\text{N}^{3-}$  nitride ion

$\text{P}^{3-}$  phosphide ion

- Group VIA – gain 2  $e^-$ 's to make 2- ions

$\text{O}^{2-}$  oxide ion

$\text{S}^{2-}$  sulfide ion

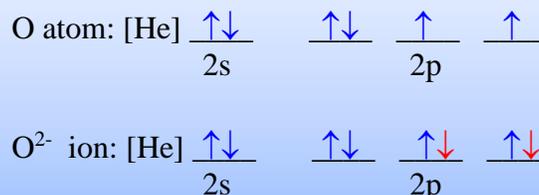
- Group VIIA – gain 1  $e^-$  to make 1- ions

$\text{F}^-$  fluoride ion

$\text{Cl}^-$  chloride ion

$\text{Br}^-$  bromide ion

$\text{I}^-$  iodide ion



Oxygen gains *only* two electrons.  
The resulting oxide ion is then isoelectronic to the noble gas neon, Ne.

**POLYATOMICS** – two or more nonmetals covalently bonded with an overall charge.

Here is the complete list of Polyatomic Ions you are responsible for this semester:

<b>Most Common Polyatomic Ions</b>	
$\text{NH}_4^+$ = ammonium	$\text{NO}_3^-$ = nitrate
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-$ = acetate	$\text{NO}_2^-$ = nitrite
$\text{OH}^-$ = hydroxide	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ = sulfate
$\text{CN}^-$ = cyanide	$\text{SO}_3^{2-}$ = sulfite
$\text{MnO}_4^-$ = permanganate	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ = phosphate
$\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ = carbonate	$\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$ = chromate
$\text{HCO}_3^-$ = hydrogen carbonate or bicarbonate	$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ = dichromate

\*These are given to you on your [CHM130 Periodic Table](#) for quizzes and exams.

## 8.2 Ionic Formulas

### Compounds are Neutral

They have no net charge so you must have enough cations and anions to equal zero.

$\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  make NaCl since  $+1$  and  $-1 = 0$

$\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{CN}^-$  make NaCN since  $+1$  and  $-1 = 0$

$\text{Ba}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  make  $\text{BaCl}_2$  since  $+2$  and  $2(-1) = 0$

Al<sup>3+</sup> and O<sup>2-</sup> make Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>                      since 2(+3) and 3(-2) = 0  
 Cu(II) and Br make CuBr<sub>2</sub>                      since +2 and 2(-1) = 0

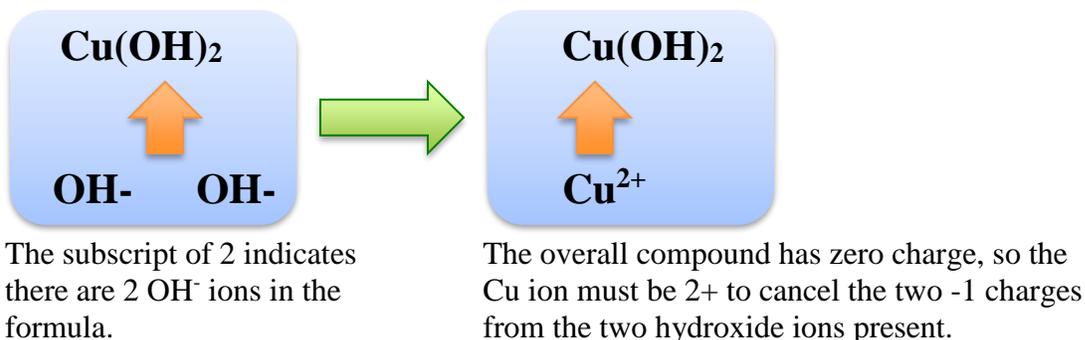
Polyatomic ions are just the same, remember to keep them together as a group  
 ⇒ Express more than one polyatomic ion with subscripts and parentheses.

Sr<sup>2+</sup> and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> make Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>            since +2 and 2(-1) = 0  
 Fe<sup>3+</sup> and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> make Fe<sub>2</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>        since 2(+3) and 3(-2) = 0

### 8.3 Ionic Names

- The name is always the cation (usually metal) first then the anion + -ide ending.
  - Fixed Charge Metal: metal name + nonmetal name + “ide”**
  - Variable Charge Metal: metal name (charge of metal) + nonmetal name + “ide”**
- Don't change the name for polyatomic ions to end in ide.
- For variable charge metals use a Roman Numeral to indicate the metal's charge.

How do you figure out the charge on a variable charge metal? Well you look at the anion's charge.



- **Given the formula of a compound, predict the name:**
  - What is the name for NaCl?            sodium chloride            (no Roman # since know Na is +1)
  - What is the name for K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>?        potassium sulfate            (keep the polyatomic name as is)
  - What is the name for CuCl?            copper (I) chloride            since Cl is -1 so Cu must be +1
  - What is the name for FePO<sub>4</sub>?        iron (III) phosphate        since PO<sub>4</sub> is -3 so Fe must be +3
  - Name for Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>?            calcium nitrate
  - Name for Na<sub>2</sub>O?                        sodium oxide

*Note: Never capitalize the names of compounds!*

- **Given the name of a compound, predict the formula:**
  - ⇒ You must know charges on ions formed by Group A main elements.
  - ⇒ Know *how to use* polyatomic ions given on your Periodic Table!
  - lithium sulfide                      Li<sub>2</sub>S                      since Li is +1 and S is -2 you need two Li's
  - calcium oxide                        CaO                      since Ca is +2 and O is -2 you just need one of each
  - iron (II) bromide                    FeBr<sub>2</sub>                    since Fe is +2 and Br is -1 you need two Br's
  - potassium acetate                    KC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>                since K is +1 and acetate is -1, need one of each
  - gold (II) nitrite                        Au(NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>                since Au is +2 and NO<sub>2</sub> is -1, need two nitrites
  - sodium iodide                         NaI                        since Na is +1 and I is -1, just need one of each

## 8.4 Covalent Names

**Molecular Compounds:** compounds consisting of 2 nonmetals.

These are **NOT ions**, so no charges.

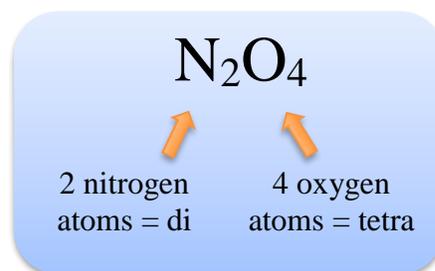
You are not trying to add up to zero charge with these.

Number of atoms of element indicated by Greek prefix before element name

FIRST ELEMENT  
prefix (*except mono*) + nonmetal name

SECOND ELEMENT  
prefix + 2<sup>nd</sup> nonmetal name + ide

# of atoms	Greek prefix	# of atoms	Greek prefix
1	mono	6	hexa
2	di	7	hepta
3	tri	8	octa
4	tetra	9	nona
5	penta	10	deca



dinitrogen tetroxide  
or  
dinitrogen tetroxide

Examples:

- $CO_2$  = carbon dioxide
- $PCl_3$  = phosphorus trichloride
- $N_2S_5$  = dinitrogen pentasulfide
- $SF_6$  = sulfur hexafluoride
- $Cl_2O_7$  = dichlorine heptaoxide



Just a reminder...

Prefixes are **ONLY** used with molecular compounds.

Roman numerals are **ONLY** used with variable charged metal ionic compounds.

Polyatomic ions never change their name.



### CHAPTER 8 PRACTICE PROBLEMS

Example 1: Circle all the examples below that are ionic compounds.

HCl     $K_2O$      $MgCl_2$      $PF_5$      $CuBr_2$      $CaSO_4$      $CH_2O$

Example 2: Circle all the examples below that are covalent compounds.

HCl     $K_2O$      $MgCl_2$      $PF_5$      $CuBr_2$      $CaSO_4$      $CH_2O$

Example 3: What ions are the following atoms most likely to make?

calcium = \_\_\_\_\_ potassium = \_\_\_\_\_  
sulfur = \_\_\_\_\_ aluminum = \_\_\_\_\_  
nitrogen = \_\_\_\_\_ chlorine = \_\_\_\_\_  
silver = \_\_\_\_\_ zinc = \_\_\_\_\_

Example 4: What is the name for:  $\text{CuCl}_2$ ,  $\text{SrS}$ ,  $\text{NiCrO}_4$ ,  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ ,  $\text{Na}_3\text{P}$ ,  $\text{ZnCO}_3$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ ,  $\text{Ca}(\text{CN})_2$

Example 5: What is the formula for sodium carbonate, copper(II) bromide, strontium fluoride, iron(III) nitride, silver sulfite, nickel(II) nitrate, cadmium phosphate, ammonium hydroxide, magnesium sulfate?

Example 6: What is the name for  $\text{CF}_4$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{PO}_5$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{F}_4$ ? What is the formula for diphosphorus tetraiodide, tribromine octaoxide, tetraphosphorus decasulfide, carbonic acid?

### Answers to Practice Problems

Example 1: Circle all the examples below that are ionic compounds. **metal-nonmetal**

HCl    $\text{K}_2\text{O}$     $\text{MgCl}_2$     $\text{PF}_5$     $\text{CuBr}_2$     $\text{CaSO}_4$     $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$

Example 2: Circle all the examples below that are molecular compounds. **nonmetals**

HCl    $\text{K}_2\text{O}$     $\text{MgCl}_2$     $\text{PF}_5$     $\text{CuBr}_2$     $\text{CaSO}_4$     $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$

Example 3:

calcium =  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$    potassium =  $\text{K}^+$   
sulfur =  $\text{S}^{2-}$    aluminum =  $\text{Al}^{3+}$   
nitrogen =  $\text{N}^{3-}$    chlorine =  $\text{Cl}^-$   
silver =  $\text{Ag}^+$    zinc =  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$

Example 4:	name
$\text{CuCl}_2$	<b>copper(II) chloride</b>
$\text{SrS}$	<b>strontium sulfide</b>
$\text{NiCrO}_4$	<b>nickel(II) chromate</b>
$\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	<b>magnesium nitrate</b>
$\text{ZnCO}_3$	<b>zinc carbonate</b>
$\text{Na}_3\text{P}$	<b>sodium phosphide</b>
$\text{KOH}$	<b>potassium hydroxide</b>
$\text{Ca}(\text{CN})_2$	<b>calcium cyanide</b>

Example 5:	formula
sodium carbonate	<b><math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math></b>
copper(II) bromide	<b><math>\text{CuBr}_2</math></b>
strontium fluoride	<b><math>\text{SrF}_2</math></b>
iron(III) nitride	<b><math>\text{FeN}</math></b>
silver sulfite	<b><math>\text{Ag}_2\text{SO}_3</math></b>
nickel(II) nitrate	<b><math>\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2</math></b>
cadmium phosphate	<b><math>\text{Cd}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2</math></b>
ammonium hydroxide	<b><math>\text{NH}_4\text{OH}</math></b>
magnesium sulfate	<b><math>\text{MgSO}_4</math></b>

Example 6: **carbon tetrafluoride, carbon monoxide, phosphorus pentaoxide, dinitrogen tetrafluoride,  $\text{P}_2\text{I}_4$ ,  $\text{Br}_3\text{O}_8$ ,  $\text{P}_4\text{S}_{10}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$**