

Ion: atom or group of atoms (**polyatomic**) that has a net positive or negative charge

Cations: positively charged ions Ex. Ba^{2+} , NH_4^+

Anions: negatively charged ions Ex. Cl^- , CO_3^{2-}

Noble gases (group 8A): Inert and stable

Atoms of main group elements tend to achieve noble gas electron configuration by gain/loss of electrons OR by sharing electrons

Hydrogen is unique: H^+ (common) or H^- (hydride ion)

Alkali metals: lose 1e to form 1+ ions

Group 2A: lose 2e to form 2+ ions

Aluminum: lose 3e to form Al^{3+} ion

Group 7A: gains 1e to form 1- ions

Group 6A: gains 2e to form 2- ions

N and P: gain 3e to form N^{3-} and P^{3-} ions

Nomenclature of monoatomic ions:

Cations: Metals

Type I metals:

- one kind of charge (Ex. Ca^{2+})
- alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, aluminum, silver, zinc and cadmium
- naming: name of the element + word “ion”

Type II metals:

- more than one kind of charged ion (Ex. Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+})
- naming: name of the element (**charge indicated by Roman numeral**) + word “ion”

mono-atomic anions: suffix “**ide**” is substituted for the ending of the name of the element, followed by the word “ion”. *Ex. chloride ion*

Naming binary ionic compounds:

cation (metal) always comes first in name / formula

Type I: Ex. Sodium chloride, NaCl
Magnesium oxide, MgO
Aluminum oxide, Al₂O₃

Type II: Ex. Iron (II) chloride, FeCl₂
Iron (III) chloride, FeCl₃

For Type II metal: *determine charge on the metal by balancing the positive and negative charges in the compound*

Elements that form only one type of cation do not need to be identified by a Roman numeral. Metals that **DO NOT** require a Roman numeral are: alkali metals, alkaline earth metals, aluminum, silver (Ag⁺), cadmium(Cd²⁺) and zinc (Zn²⁺).

Naming / formulas of Binary covalent compounds

- between two nonmetals
- element farther **left** of the periodic table is written **first**. Ex. SF_6
- if two elements in the **same group**, element that is **lower** in its group is written **first**
Ex. IF_3
- Name of first element remains unchanged
- **Suffix “ide”** replaces the ending of name of **second** element
- Use **prefixes** to indicate number of each kind
Mono omitted for **first element**, but **not for the second**, Ex. Carbon monoxide
Drop “o” or “a” of a prefix if element name begins with a vowel

Ex. Carbon monoxide and *not carbon monooxide*
Nitrogen tetroxide and *not nitrogen tetraoxide*

Polyatomic ions: ions containing more than one atom

Naming compounds with polyatomic ions:

- ionic; follow same rules as with binary ionic compounds
- metal/cation written first
- if **Type II** metal (forms more than one kind of cation), **show charge** in parentheses as Roman numeral
- polyatomic ion is then named or written

Flowchart for Naming acids

Anion

Acid

____ **ide**



hydro ____ **ic acid**

chloride, Cl^-

hydrochloric acid, HCl(aq)

cyanide, CN^-

hydrocyanic acid, HCN(aq)

____ **ate**



____ **ic acid**

chlorate, ClO_3^-

chloric acid, $\text{HClO}_3(\text{aq})$

Perchlorate, ClO_4^-

perchloric acid, $\text{HClO}_4(\text{aq})$

Sulfate, SO_4^{2-}

sulfuric acid, $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq})$

____ **ite**



____ **ous acid**

chlorite, ClO_2^-

chlorous acid, $\text{HClO}_2(\text{aq})$

Hypochlorite, ClO^-

hypochlorous acid, HClO(aq)

Sulfite, SO_3^{2-}

sulfurous acid, $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3(\text{aq})$

Hydrated ionic compounds

- Ionic compounds with a specific number of water molecules associated with each formula unit
- number is shown **after a centered dot**
- indicated in the systematic name by a Greek **prefix** before the word hydrate
- Ex. **$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$** magnesium sulfate heptahydrate
- water molecules, referred to as “***waters of hydration***”
- Ex. when heated strongly, blue copper (II) sulfate pentahydrate ($\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$) is converted to white copper (II) sulfate (CuSO_4)

Molecular compounds of hydrogen are special cases

H_2O water

NH_3 ammonia

CH_4 methane

When dissolved in water: free H^+ ions; binary acids

HCl (aq) *hydrochloric acid*

HBr(aq) *hydrobromic acid*

$\text{H}_2\text{S(aq)}$ *hydrosulfuric acid*

Oxyacids: H^+ with oxyanions

SO_4^{2-} $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 (\text{aq})$

PO_4^{3-} $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 (\text{aq})$

ClO_4^- $\text{HClO}_4 (\text{aq})$

NO_3^- $\text{HNO}_3 (\text{aq})$