



# MODULE 4-COMPOUNDS


## CHEMICAL NOMENCLATURE OR NAMING IONIC AND MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS

REF : CHAPTER 5 OF TEXTBOOK





## TOPICS COVERED:

- ✓ CLASSIFICATION OF COMPOUNDS FOR NOMENCLATURE PURPOSE
  - ✓ TYPES OF BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS
  - ✓ NOMENCLATURE FOR BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS
  - ✓ NOMENCLATURE FOR IONIC COMPOUNDS CONTAINING POLYATOMIC IONS
  - ✓ NOMENCLATURE FOR BINARY MOLECULAR/ COVALENT COMPOUND
  - ✓ NOMENCLATURE FOR ACIDS
  - ✓ NOMENCLATURE RULES: A SUMMARY
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# NAMING COMPOUNDS

- THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PURE AND APPPLIED CHEMISTRY, IUPAC, HAS SET RULES FOR NAMING COMPOUNDS.
- IN 1921, IUPAC FORMED A COMMISSION ON THE NOMENCLATURE OF INORGANIC CHEMISTRY.
- IN 1940 IUPAC SET THE RULES FOR THE NAMING AND CLASSIFICATION OF INORGANIC COMPOUNDS.
- THESE RULES, REFERRED TO AS **IUPAC NOMENCLATURE** ARE STILL IN USE TODAY.

# NOMENCLATURE

CHEMICAL NOMENCLATURE IS THE SYSTEM OF NAMES USED TO DISTINGUISH COMPOUNDS FROM EACH OTHER. WE WILL CONSIDER HOW TO NAME:

- **BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS**, WHICH CONTAIN A METAL AND A NONMETAL.
- **BINARY MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS**, WHICH CONSIST ONLY OF NONMETALS. (FOR NAMING PURPOSES METALLOIDS ARE TREATED AS NONMETALS)
- **BINARY AND ACIDS**, COMPOUNDS THAT RELEASE HYDROGEN IONS WHEN DISSOLVED IN WATER.

# IONIC COMPOUNDS

LET'S BEGIN BY REVIEWING WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT *IONIC COMPOUNDS*...

- THE **BONDING** IN *IONIC COMPOUNDS* CONSISTS OF THE ATTRACTION BETWEEN OPPOSITELY CHARGED **IONS** – NOT ATOMS ANYMORE.
- THEY DON'T FORM MOLECULES, BUT **CRYSTAL LATTICES**.
- THE **CHARGE** FOR THE *FORMULA UNIT* MUST BE **NEUTRAL**.
- THE REACTION OF A **METAL** AND A **NONMETAL** ALWAYS FORMS AN *IONIC COMPOUND*.
- OTHER *IONIC COMPOUNDS* MIGHT CONTAIN ONE OR MORE **POLYATOMIC IONS**.

FOR NOMENCLATURE PURPOSES,  
THERE ARE **TWO** TYPES OF **METAL IONS**:

**FIXED CHARGE** METAL IONS ONLY FORM ONE TYPE OF POSITIVE ION – ALWAYS HAS THE SAME CHARGE.

**VARIABLE CHARGE** METAL IONS CAN FORM MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF POSITIVE ION – USE NOMENCLATURE TO KNOW THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CHARGE.

**WHICH ONES ARE FIXED AND WHICH ONES ARE **VARIABLE**?**

# FIXED-CHARGE METAL IONS

[illegible]

# VARIABLE-CHARGE METAL IONS

- WHICH METALS HAVE A VARIABLE CHARGE?

**The rest of  
them!**

Can you think of at least one  
you have seen in lab?

**Cu**



# VARIABLE-CHARGE METAL IONS

Examples shown for some common metals with variable charges

Element	Ions Formed
Chromium	$\text{Cr}^{2+}$ and $\text{Cr}^{3+}$
Cobalt	$\text{Co}^{2+}$ and $\text{Co}^{3+}$
Copper	$\text{Cu}^{+}$ and $\text{Cu}^{2+}$
Gold	$\text{Au}^{+}$ and $\text{Au}^{3+}$
Iron	$\text{Fe}^{2+}$ and $\text{Fe}^{3+}$
Lead	$\text{Pb}^{2+}$ and $\text{Pb}^{4+}$
Manganese	$\text{Mn}^{2+}$ and $\text{Mn}^{3+}$
Tin	$\text{Sn}^{2+}$ and $\text{Sn}^{4+}$

# NAMING BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS

- WHEN NAMING *IONIC COMPOUNDS*, WE NAME THE **POSITIVELY-CHARGED** SPECIES FIRST (THE **CATION**) AND THE **NEGATIVELY-CHARGED** SPECIES SECOND (THE **ANION**).
- **METAL IONS** (*FIXED* OR *VARIABLE*) TAKE THE NAME OF THE METAL FROM WHICH THEY COME.
- **NONMETAL IONS** ARE NAMED BY TAKING THE STEM OF THE **NONMETAL** AND ADDING **-IDE**.

**ATOM**

lithium (Li)

**CATIO  
N**

$\text{Li}^+$

**NAME  
OF  
CATIO**

lithium ion

**ATOM**

magnesium (Mg)

**CATIO  
N**

$\text{Mg}^{2+}$

**NAME  
OF  
CATIO**

magnesium ion

**ATOM**

strontium (Sr)

**CATIO  
N**

$\text{Sr}^{2+}$

**NAME  
OF  
CATIO**

strontium ion

**ATOM**

sodium (Na)

**CATIO  
N**

**NAME  
OF  
CATIO**

**ATOM**

calcium (Ca)

**CATIO  
N**

**NAME  
OF  
CATIO**

# NAMING BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS

- THE **NEGATIVELY CHARGED** SPECIES, **NONMETALS** AND **METALLOIDS** (OR **POLYATOMIC** IF APPLICABLE) IS NAMED SECOND.
- **NONMETAL IONS** ARE NAMED BY TAKING THE STEM OF THE NONMETAL AND ADDING **-IDE**.
- **POLYATOMIC IONS** BRING THEIR OWN NAME TO THE COMPOUND.



**ATOM**

bromine (Br)

**ANION**

Br<sup>-</sup>

**NAME**  
**OF**  
**ANION**

stem

bromide ion

**ATOM**

nitrogen (N)

**ANION**

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

**NAME**  
**OF**  
**ANION**

stem

nitride ion

**ATOM**

phosphorous (P)

**ANION**

$P^{3-}$

**NAME  
OF  
ANION**

stem

phosphide ion

**ATOM**

oxygen (O)

**ANION**

$O^{2-}$

**NAME**  
**OF**  
**ANION**

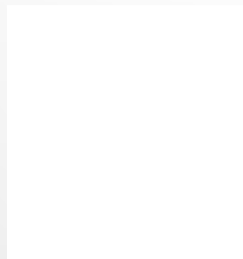
stem

oxide ion

**ATOM**

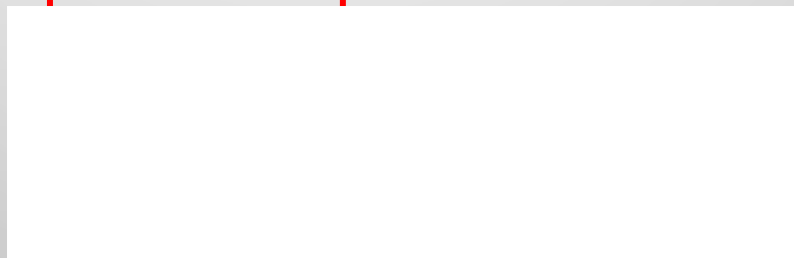
fluorine (F)

**ANION**



**NAME  
OF  
ANION**

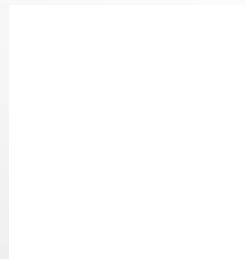
stem



**ATOM**

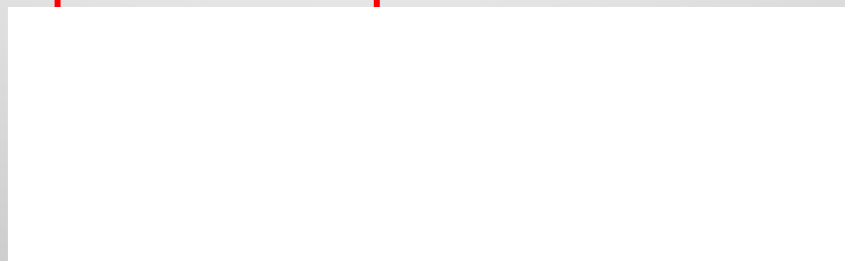
chlorine (Cl)

**ANION**



**NAME**  
**OF**  
**ANION**

stem



## Names for the More Common Nonmetal Ions

Element	Stem	Name of Ion	Formula
Bromine	brom-	bromide ion	$\text{Br}^-$
Carbon	carb-	carbide ion	$\text{C}^{4-}$
Chlorine	chlor-	chloride ion	$\text{Cl}^-$
Fluorine	fluor-	fluoride ion	$\text{F}^-$
Hydrogen	hydr-	hydride ion	$\text{H}^-$
Iodine	iod-	iodide ion	$\text{I}^-$
Nitrogen	nitr-	nitride ion	$\text{N}^{3-}$
Oxygen	ox-	oxide ion	$\text{O}^{2-}$
Phosphorus	phosph-	phosphide ion	$\text{P}^{3-}$
Sulfur	sulf-	sulfide ion	$\text{S}^{2-}$

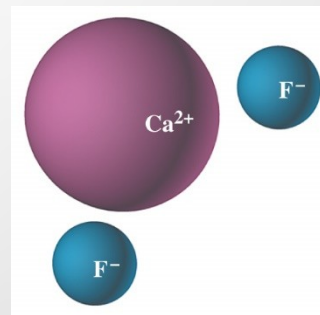
# NAMING BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS THAT CONTAIN A FIXED-CHARGE METAL

- AGAIN, WHEN NAMING THESE COMPOUNDS, WE NAME THE **POSITIVELY-CHARGED** SPECIES FIRST (THE **CATION**) AND THE **NEGATIVELY-CHARGED** SPECIES SECOND (THE **ANION**).
- THEREFORE...



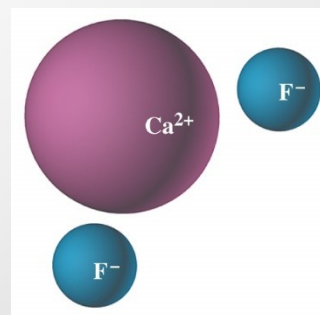
# NAME THE COMPOUND: $\text{CaF}_2$

**STEP 1** FROM THE FORMULA IT  
IS A BINARY COMPOUND; ONLY  
TWO ELEMENTS.



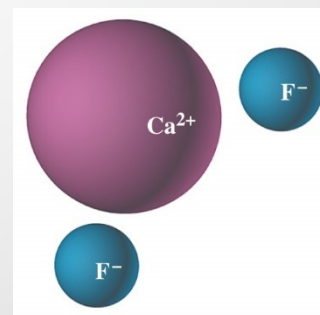
# NAME THE COMPOUND: $\text{CaF}_2$

**STEP 2** THE COMPOUND IS COMPOSED OF Ca, A METAL AND F, A NONMETAL. Ca FORMS ONLY A 2+ **CATION**. SO WE CALL THE POSITIVE PART OF THE COMPOUND ***CALCIUM***.



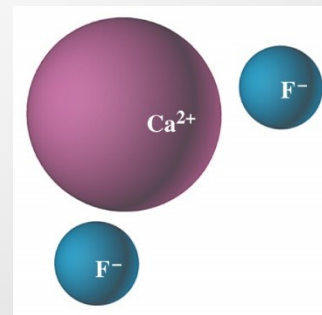
# NAME THE COMPOUND: $\text{CaF}_2$

**STEP 3** MODIFY THE NAME OF THE SECOND ELEMENT TO THE STEM *FLUOR-* AND ADD THE *-IDE* ENDING TO FORM THE NAME OF THE NEGATIVE PART, *FLUORIDE*.



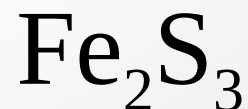
# NAME THE COMPOUND: $\text{CaF}_2$

**STEP 4** THE NAME OF THE  
COMPOUND IS THEREFORE *CALCIUM*  
*FLUORIDE*.



# NAMING BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS THAT CONTAIN A **VARIABLE-CHARGE** METAL

SUPPOSE YOU WERE ASKED TO NAME THESE TWO COMPOUNDS:

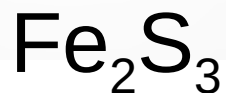
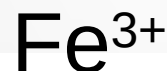
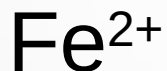


BOTH OF THESE COMPOUNDS EXIST, AND THEY HAVE DIFFERENT **PHYSICAL** AND **CHEMICAL** PROPERTIES. WE CAN'T VERY WELL CALL THEM BOTH ***IRON SULFIDE***. WE NEED A DIFFERENT NAMING SYSTEM FOR CASES SUCH AS THESE.

Iron is found in the area of the periodic table we call the **transition metals**; most of these metals form more than one type of **cation**, and iron certainly does.

IA												IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA		
H <sup>+</sup>		IIA												N <sup>3-</sup>	O <sup>2-</sup>	F <sup>-</sup>		
Li <sup>+</sup>	Be <sup>2+</sup>													P <sup>3-</sup>	S <sup>2-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>		
Na <sup>+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>					Cr <sup>2+</sup> Cr <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>2+</sup> Fe <sup>3+</sup>		Cu <sup>+</sup> Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Zn <sup>2+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup>					Br <sup>-</sup>		
K <sup>+</sup>	Ca <sup>2+</sup>			Transition metals						Ag <sup>+</sup>	Cd <sup>2+</sup>					I <sup>-</sup>		
Rb <sup>+</sup>	Sr <sup>2+</sup>																	
Cs <sup>+</sup>	Ba <sup>2+</sup>																	

Each ion of iron forms a different compound with the same anion.



IA										IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA					
H <sup>+</sup>	IIA													N <sup>3-</sup>	O <sup>2-</sup>	F <sup>-</sup>			
Li <sup>+</sup>	Be <sup>2+</sup>												Al <sup>3+</sup>		P <sup>3-</sup>	S <sup>2-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>		
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Rb <sup>+</sup>	Sr <sup>2+</sup>																		
Cs <sup>+</sup>	Ba <sup>2+</sup>																		

In the Stock System the charge on the **cation** is designated by a **Roman numeral** placed in parentheses immediately following the name of the metal.

<b>Cation Charge</b>	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
<b>Roman Numeral</b>	I	II	III	IV	V

The nonmetal name still ends in *-ide*.



# Stock System

Lower Charge

Higher Charge

Element

Formula

Name

Formula

Name

Copper

$\text{Cu}^+$  copper (I)

$\text{Cu}^{2+}$

copper(II)

Iron

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

$\text{Fe}^{3+}$

iron(III)

Lead

$\text{Pb}^{2+}$  lead (II)

$\text{Pb}^{4+}$

lead(IV)

Mercury

$\text{Hg}_2^{2+}$  mercury(I)

$\text{Hg}^{2+}$

mercury(II)

Tin

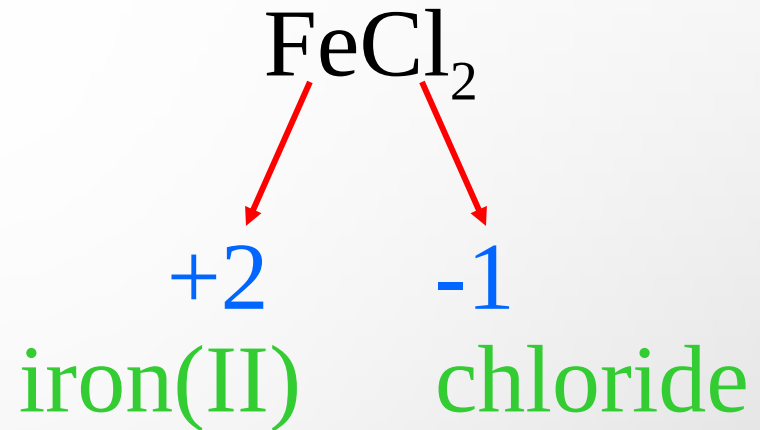
$\text{Sn}^{2+}$  tin(II)

$\text{Sn}^{4+}$

tin

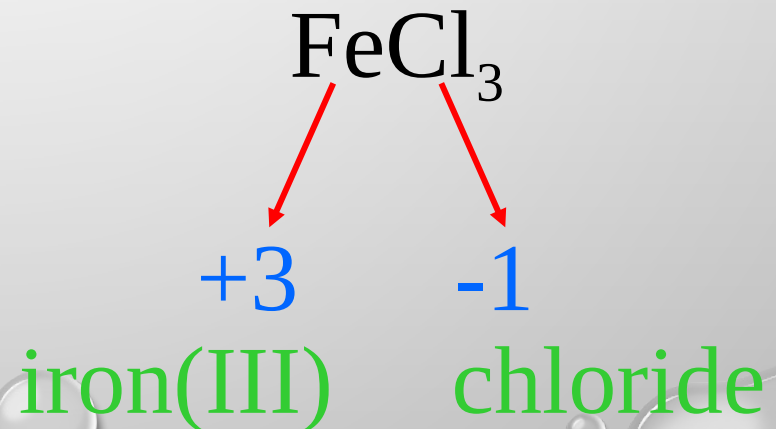
(IV)

iron(II) chloride

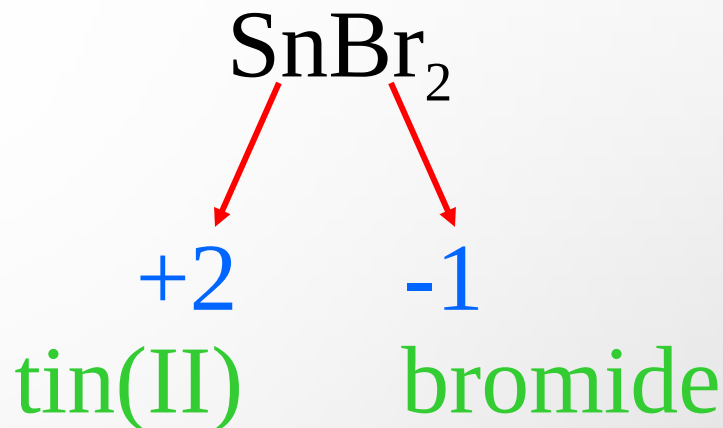


compound name

iron(III) chloride

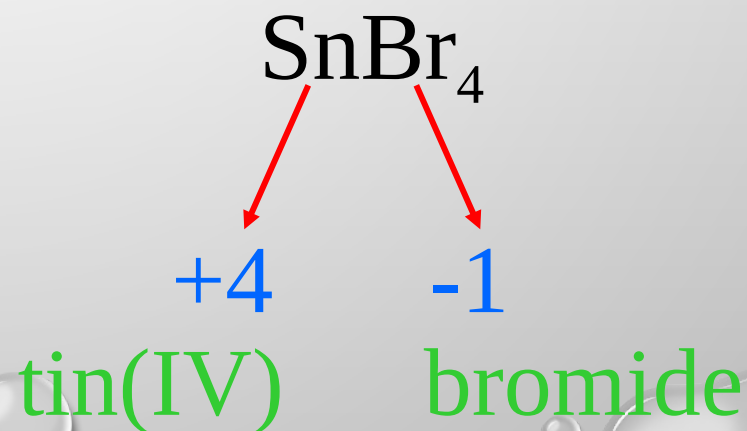


tin(II) bromide



compound name

tin(IV) bromide



SO, THE FIRST THING YOU SHOULD ASK YOURSELF WHEN  
CONFRONTED WITH THE FORMULA OF A COMPOUND THAT YOU  
HAVE TO NAME IS THIS:

**IS THERE A METAL IN THIS COMPOUND?**

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, THEN THE COMPOUND IS

**IONIC**

This should prompt a second question:

Is it a fixed-charge metal or

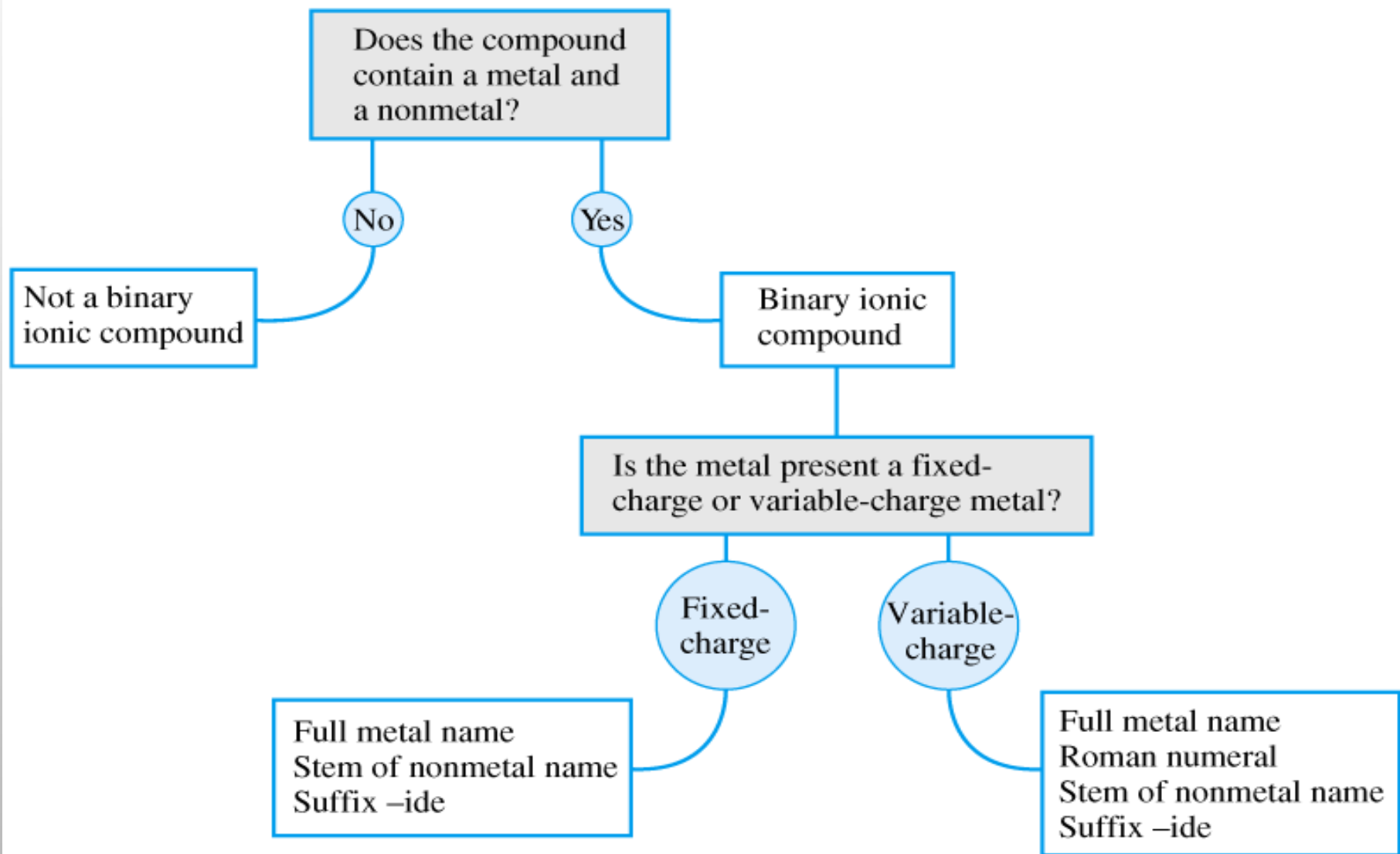
a variable-charge

metal?

Name the **metal**,  
add the **stem** of  
the **nonmetal** and  
add **-ide**

Name the **metal**, add a  
**Roman numeral** for  
the **metal's** charge,  
then add the **stem** of the  
**nonmetal** and **-ide**

# NOMENCLATURE FOR BINARY IONIC COMPOUNDS



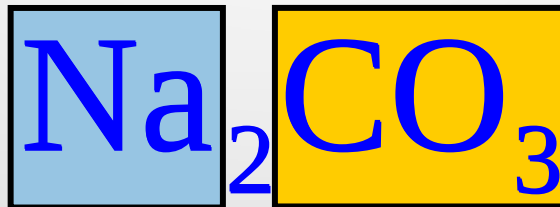
# HOW TO NAME IONIC COMPOUNDS WITH POLYATOMIC IONS

SOME POINTS TO HELP REMEMBER THE POLYATOMIC IONS:

1. MOST POLYATOMIC IONS ARE NEGATIVELY CHARGED. ONLY TWO MAIN POSITIVELY CHARGED ONES - AMMONIUM ION AND HYDRONIUM ION
2. FOUR POLYATOMIC IONS HAVE NAMES THAT END IN “IDE” LIKE THE NONMETAL IONS: HYDROXIDE, CYANIDE, AZIDE AND PEROXIDE.
3. NOTE THE “-ATE” AND “-ITE” PAIRS. THEY DIFFER BY THE NUMBER OF OXYGEN ATOMS. THE “-ATE” ALWAYS HAS THE GREATER NUMBER OF OXYGEN ATOMS. (SULFATE  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  AND SULFITE  $\text{SO}_3^{2-}$ )
4. SOME PAIRS DIFFER BY A HYDROGEN ION - CARBONATE ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) AND HYDROGEN CARBONATE ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ). THE ADDITION OF H REDUCES THE CHARGE.
5. WHEN SULFUR REPLACES AN OXYGEN ATOM, THE PREFIX “THIO-” IS ADDED TO THE NAME. CYANATE ION ( $\text{OCN}^-$ ) - THIOCYANATE  $\text{SCN}^-$ , SULFATE ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ) - THIOSULFATE ( $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ )

# POLYATOMIC NOMENCLATURE

- WHEN NAMING A COMPOUND CONTAINING A POLYATOMIC ION, NAME THE **CATION** FIRST AND THEN NAME THE **ANION**.



**Sodium carbonate**



This is the way the  
formula is written.



Potassium permanganate



The ions are what is  
actually present.

# BINARY MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS

- A BINARY MOLECULAR COMPOUND CONSISTS OF TWO NONMETALS ELEMENTS.
- NAME THE COMPOUND AS THE FORMULA IS WRITTEN.
  - THE LEAST ELECTRONEGATIVE ELEMENT IS NAMED FIRST. USE THE FULL NAME OF THE ELEMENT.
  - THE STEM OF THE SECOND NONMETAL FOLLOWS WITH THE SUFFIX “-IDE.”
  - NUMERICAL PREFIXES ARE USED TO INDICATE THE NUMBER OF **BOTH** ATOMS PRESENT.

# Binary Molecular Compounds

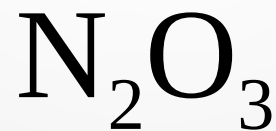
A Greek prefix is placed before the name of each element to indicate the number of atoms of the element that are present.

- *mono* = 1
- *Di* = 2
- *Tri* = 3
- *Tetra* = 4
- *Penta* = 5
- *Hexa* = 6
- *Hepta* = 7
- *Octa* = 8
- *Nona* = 9
- *Deca* = 10

# BINARY MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS

- EXCEPTION TO THE RULE:
  - BINARY COMPOUNDS WITH HYDROGEN LISTED AS THE FIRST ELEMENT IN THE FORMULA ARE NAMED WITHOUT USING THE PREFIX FOR HOW MANY ATOMS THERE ARE.
  - PREFIX “MONO” IS ALWAYS DROPPED AT THE BEGINNING OF A NAME.

dinitrogen trioxide



indicates two  
nitrogen atoms

indicates three  
oxygen atoms

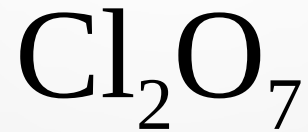
phosphorous pentachloride



indicates one  
phosphorous atom

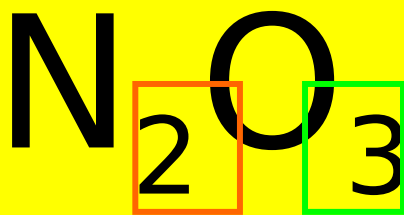
indicates five  
chlorine atoms

dichlorine heptaoxide



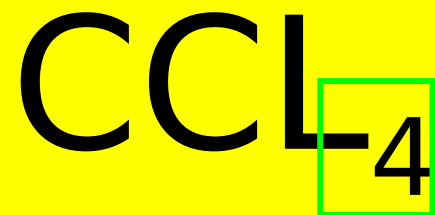
indicates two  
chlorine atoms

indicates seven  
oxygen atoms



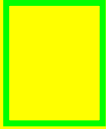
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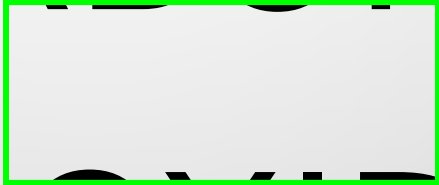




CARBON  
TETRACHLOR  
IDE



CO 

CARBON  
  
MONOXIDE

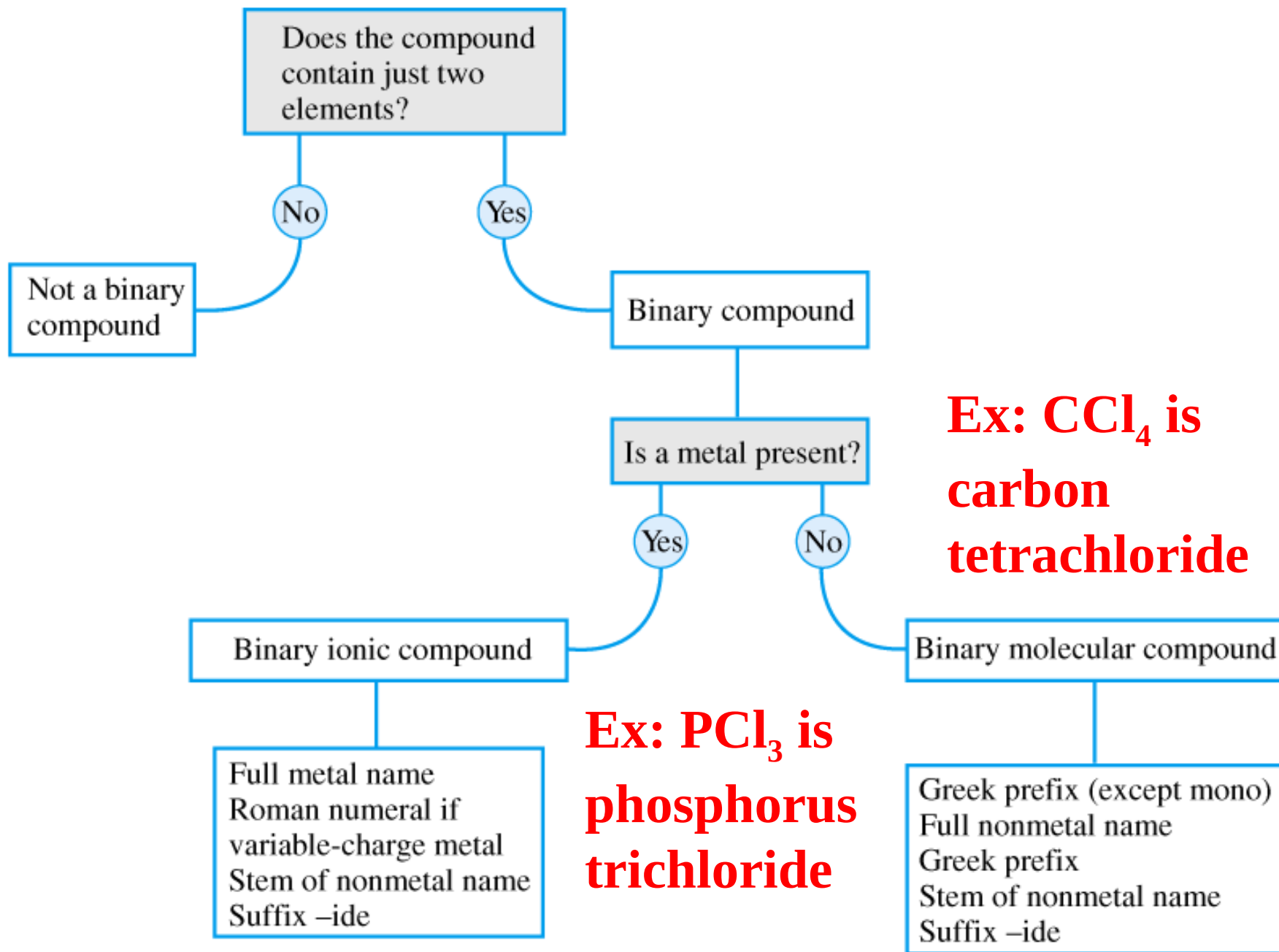
NAME CO<sub>2</sub>

CARBON DIOXIDE



NAME  $\text{PI}_3$

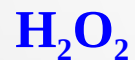
PHOSPHOROUS  
TRIODIDE



# COMMON NAMES TO KNOW



**WATER**



**HYDROGEN PEROXIDE**



**AMMONIA**



**HYDRAZINE**



**METHANE**



**ETHANE**



**PHOSPHINE**



**ARSINE**

# OTHER MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS

- THE ABOVE EXAMPLES ARE ALL BINARY COMPOUNDS.
- OTHER MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS WITH MORE THAN 2 ELEMENTS DON'T FOLLOW THESE RULES.
- ORGANIC CHEMISTRY HAS ITS OWN SET OF RULES THAT INCLUDES BOND STRUCTURE.
- WE WILL LOOK AT NAMING TERNARY ACIDS (THREE ELEMENTS).

SOME H-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS DISSOLVE IN  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  TO GIVE SOLUTIONS WITH PROPERTIES QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE COMPOUNDS THEMSELVES. THESE SOLUTIONS ARE CALLED ACIDS. (CHAP. 14).

BUT NOT ALL H-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS GIVE ACIDIC SOLUTIONS IN  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . HOW CAN YOU TELL WHICH IS WHICH? ACIDS CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THEIR CHEMICAL FORMULAS: H IS THE FIRST ELEMENT SHOWN IN THE FORMULA. E.G.,

ACIDS:  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$

NONACIDS:  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{PH}_3$ ,  $\text{SiH}_4$



An **acid** is a H-containing molecular compound whose molecules yield hydrogen ions ( $\text{H}^+$ ) when dissolved in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Acids produce  $\text{H}^+$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , but an anion is also produced, depending on the structure of the molecular compound. E.g.,



# ACID NOMENCLATURE

Anion Ending	Acid Name
-ide	<i>hydro-(stem)-ic acid</i>
-ate	<i>(stem)-ic acid</i>
-ite	<i>(stem)-ous acid</i>

# COMMON STUDENT MISSTEPS

- **FOR IONIC COMPOUNDS, FORMULAS MUST BE REDUCED TO SIMPLEST RATIOS. EX:  $\text{MnO}_2$ , NOT  $\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_4$  (DON'T REDUCE MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS.)**
- **THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AMMONIA ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) AND AMMONIUM ION ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ).**
- **CHEMICAL FORMULAS DO NOT SHOW IONIC CHARGES. EX:  $\text{NaCl}$ , NOT  $\text{Na}^+\text{Cl}^-$**
- **DON'T PUT PARENTHESES UNLESS THEY ARE NEEDED TO SHOW MORE THAN ONE OF THE SAME ION. EX:  $\text{NaNO}_3$ , NOT  $\text{Na}(\text{NO}_3)$**