

# 2. Atoms, molecules & ions

#### 2.7: Naming chemical compounds

- Identifying a molecule's type
- Naming ionic compounds
  - Cations
  - Anions: mono- and polyatomic
  - Ionic compounds
- Naming molecular compounds
- Naming acids and bases

## **Predicting ionic charge**



Use group numbers to predict ionic charge as shown below.



## Which type of molecule is this?



There are three distinct naming systems, so your first task is determining what type of compound you're dealing with:

lonic

Acid

Molecular



# Are these examples ionic, acid or molecul

Fe(OH) <sub>2</sub>	HBrO <sub>3</sub>
XeO <sub>3</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> (CO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
Cu(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>
H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>
SF <sub>6</sub>	Cd(II)(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
CaHCO <sub>3</sub>	$N_2O_4$
Sn(II)F <sub>2</sub>	HBr
$P_4S_6$	IF <sub>5</sub>
HF	HCIO <sub>3</sub>
HCN	(NH₄)₂SO₄

# Naming cations



Cations are <u>positively</u> charged ions - most often **metals**. With one exception, cations are <u>mono</u>atomic.

Cations are named for the element they are derived from. <u>Transition metals</u> (the Midwest) must include charge as (Roman numerals).

Na<sup>+1</sup> Mg<sup>+2</sup> Fe<sup>+2</sup> Al<sup>+3</sup> Cu<sup>+1</sup> Sr<sup>+2</sup> Mn<sup>+2</sup> Cs<sup>+1</sup> Ca<sup>+2</sup> Sn<sup>+2</sup> Cr<sup>+3</sup>

#### Naming monoatomic anions

Anions are <u>negatively</u> charged ions formed from non-metals.

Anions can be either mono- or polyatomic.

**Monoatomic anions** consist of a single element (can have multiple copies). Anions get the <u>root</u> name of their element + <u>-ide</u> suffix.

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F <sup>-1</sup> P <sup>-3</sup> O <sup>-2</sup> Cl <sup>-1</sup> N <sup>-3</sup> l <sup>-1</sup> Br <sup>-1</sup> S <sup>-2</sup>	Element names can be found in the table below the periodic table on the front cover of your text.

## Naming polyatomic anions



Polyatomic anions are combinations of a more than one non-metal atom.

Generally, a non-metal & one or more oxygen atom(s).

Naming? Root name of the non-oxygen atom with a suffix:

• hypo \_\_\_\_\_-ite • -ite • -ate • per \_\_\_\_\_-ate  $NO_2^{-1}$   $NO_3^{-1}$   $ClO_1^{-1}$   $ClO_2^{-1}$   $ClO_4^{-1}$  $HCO_3$ 

# Families of polyatomic anions

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NH4 <sup>+</sup> AsO4 <sup>-3</sup>	ammonium arsenate	Cr ? CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	chromium (x) chromate dichromate		
		MnO <sub>4</sub> -1	permanganate		
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> <sup>-1</sup> CN <sup>-1</sup> SCN <sup>-1</sup>	acetate cyan <u>ide</u> thiocyanate	NO2 <sup>-1</sup> NO3 <sup>-1</sup>	nitrite nitrate	S <sup>-2</sup> SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	sulfide sulfite sulfate
CO3 <sup>-2</sup> HCO3 <sup>-1</sup>	carbonate hydrogen carbonate	O <sub>2</sub> -2 OH-1	peroxide hydroxide	HSO3 <sup>-1</sup> SCN <sup>-1</sup>	hydrogen sulfite thiocyanate
Cl <sup>-1</sup> ClO <sup>-1</sup> ClO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ClO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-1</sup> ClO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-1</sup>	chloride hypochlorite chlorite chlorate perchlorate	PO <sub>4</sub> -3 HPO <sub>4</sub> -2 H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> -1	phosphate hydrogen phos dihydrogen ph	sphate osphate	

# Formulas of ionic compounds



All molecules (ionic, molecular, or acid) have a <u>net charge of **zero**</u>. So total positive and negative charges must be equal - must cancel out.

How do you ensure a net zero charge?

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Mg Cl	Sr SO <sub>4</sub>
Na O	Cr ClO <sub>3</sub>
Na F	Li PO <sub>4</sub>
Ba Br	Ca NO <sub>3</sub>
Fe S	Cs BrO <sub>3</sub>
Ni N	Fe CO <sub>3</sub>

## Ionic formulas are <u>empirical</u> formulas



If you are given a cation and anion and are asked to give the formula, you can write ONLY the <u>empirical formula</u> (i.e. ratio of elements).



Al and Cl ions	Na and $PO_4$ ions
Al and O ions	Zn and $SO_4$ ions
Mg and $NO_3$ ions	Fe and CO <sub>3</sub> ions

# Practice naming ionic compounds



Naming ionic compounds is fairly straightforward.

Name the cation first, and the anion second

NEVER include the subscript numbers in the name.

Mg Cl	Sr SO <sub>4</sub>
Na O	$Cr ClO_3$
Na F	Li PO <sub>4</sub>
Ba Br	Ca NO <sub>3</sub>
Fe S	Cs BrO <sub>3</sub>
Ni N	Fe CO <sub>3</sub>

#### Molecular names use prefixes



Remember that a molecular compound is:

Elements are named from <u>left to right</u> (as found in the peroidic table):

Molecular compounds use <u>Greek prefixes</u> to 'name' subscript numbers.

mono	
di	
tri	
tetra	
penta	Both elements get prefixes
hexa	EXCEPT when there is only
hepta	a single atom of the first element.
octa	
nona	
deca	

## Naming molecular compounds



Elements are named from left to right (as found in the peroidic table):

- Left-hand element gets the element name.
- Right-hand element is named for its root + <u>-ide</u> suffix.

Molecular compounds use <u>Greek prefixes</u> to '**include'** subscript numbers.

(Net charge of molecular compounds is still zero.)

$C_2O_2$ $CO_2$ CO	
P <sub>4</sub> S <sub>10</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>
Cl <sub>2</sub> O	PCI <sub>5</sub>
$N_2O_4$	S <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
NF <sub>3</sub>	SiBr <sub>4</sub>

NOTE: It's difficult to predict the formula of molecular compounds.

# Naming acids (a bit like ionics)



Remember that acids are compounds that can <u>donate protons</u> ( $H^+$ ). Acid formulas always **begin with H**: HCl, HBr,  $H_2SO_4$ 

Since all acids have protons, names are based on the anion name.

MONOatomic acids: hydro root -ic acid HCI HBr  $H_2S$ HF POLYatomic acids: change the suffix & add the word acid (no hydro-) • -ate --> -ic acid • -ite --> -ous acid  $H_2SO_3$ HCIO  $H_2SO_4$ HCIO<sub>2</sub> HClO<sub>3</sub> HCIO<sub>4</sub>