## Classes and nomenclature of inorganic compounds

## Substances



## Atoms and Ions

An atom is smallest neutral particle of matter characterizes an element.

An ion is an electrically charged species consisting of a single atom or a group of atoms. It is formed when a neutral atom or a group of atoms either gains or loses electrons.

A positive ion, called a cation (pronounced cat' eye on).

For example cations $\mathrm{Na}^{+}, \mathrm{Mg}^{2+}$.
If one of the electrons from the sodium atom is lost, there will be eleven positive charges but only ten negative charges. This gives an ion with a net positive one (+1) charge:

$$
\mathrm{Na}^{0}-1 \bar{e} \rightarrow \mathrm{Na}^{+}
$$

Neutral sodium atom sodium ion

Some atoms lose more that one electron.
We usually represent this process as follows.
For example, a magnesium atom loses two electrons to form a 2+ cation:

$$
\mathrm{Mg}^{0}-2 \bar{e} \rightarrow \mathrm{Mg}^{2+}
$$

When electrons are gained by a neutral atom, an ion with a negative charge is formed.

A negative charged ion is called an anion.
An example of an atom that forms a 1 - anion is the chlorine atom:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{Cl}^{0}+1 \bar{e} \rightarrow \mathrm{Cl}^{-} \\
\text {neutral chlorine atom } \\
\text { chloride ion }
\end{gathered}
$$

Some atoms can add two electrons to form 2 - anions.

$$
\underset{\text { sulphur }}{\mathrm{S}^{0}+2 \bar{e}} \underset{\text { sulphide ion }}{\rightarrow}
$$

Now we will describe how to name compounds in each of those classes in the next several examples.

1. The cation is always named first and the anion second.
2. A simple cation (obtained from a single atom) takes its name from the name of the element. For example, $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$is called sodium in the names of compounds containing this ion.
3. A simple anion is named by taking the first part of the element name and adding - ide. Thus $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ion is called chloride.

| Cation | Name | Anion | Name |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{H}^{+}$ | hydrogen | $\mathrm{H}^{-}$ | hydride |
| $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$ | sodium | $\mathrm{F}^{-}$ | fluoride |
| $\mathrm{K}^{+}$ | potassium | $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ | chloride |
| $\mathrm{Mg}^{2+}$ | magnesium | $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$ | bromide |
| $\mathrm{Ca}^{2+}$ | calcium | $\mathrm{I}^{-}$ | iodide |
| $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$ | iron (II) | $\mathrm{B}^{3-}$ | boride |
| $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$ | iron (III) | $\mathrm{N}^{3-}$ | nitride |
| $\mathrm{Al}^{3+}$ | aluminum | $\mathrm{O}^{2-}$ | oxide |
| $\mathrm{Ag}^{+}$ | silver | $\mathrm{S}^{2-}$ | sulphide |

## Naming binary covalent compounds

| Formula | Name |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | boron trichloride | Stock system |
| NO | nitrogen oxide | boron (III) chloride |
| $\mathrm{PbO}_{2}$ | lead dioxide | nitrogen (II) oxide |
| $\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ | dinitrogen pentoxide | nitrogen (V) oxide |
| $\mathrm{PCl}_{5}$ | phosphorus pentachloride | phosphorus (V) chloride |

## OXIDES

Oxides are binary compounds of an element or radical with oxygen in the oxidation state of -2 .


## Highest oxides of elements of III period

| I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | MgO | $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ | $\mathrm{SO}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ |
| Sodium <br> oxide | Magnesium <br> oxide | Aluminium <br> oxide | Silicon <br> dioxide | Phosphorus <br> (V) oxide | Sulphur <br> (VI) oxide | Chlorine <br> (VII) oxide |
| Strong <br> basic | Basic | Amphoteric | Slightly <br> acidic | Acidic | Strong <br> acidic | Very strong <br> acidic |

Over the period from the left to the right:
Metallic properties of elements are decreasing

Basic properties of oxides
Acidic properties of oxides
are decreasing
are increasing

## Hydroxides of elements of III period

| I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NaOH | $\mathrm{Mg}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ | $\mathrm{Al}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SiO}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{HClO}_{4}$ |
| Sodium <br> hydroxide | Magnesium <br> hydroxide | Aluminium <br> hydroxide | Silicic <br> acid | Orthophos- <br> phoric acid | Sulphuric <br> acid | Perchloric <br> acid |
| Strong <br> basic | Basic | Amphoteric | Slightly <br> acidic | Acidic | Strong <br> acidic | Very strong <br> acidic |

In case the element forms several oxides, acidic properties of oxide are increasing with the increasing of oxidation state of the element. Basic properties decrease accordingly:

| +2 | +3 | +6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CrO | $\mathrm{Cr}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{CrO}_{3}$ |
| Basic | Amphoteric | Acidic |

Double oxides contain an element in two oxidation states:
$\mathrm{Fe}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ magnetite, iron (II) iron (III) oxide $\mathrm{FeO} \cdot \mathrm{Fe}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$
Polymeric oxides:

$$
\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{\mathrm{n}} \quad\left(\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}\right)_{n}
$$

Peroxides are complex substances, consisting from two elements, one of which oxygen in the oxidation state of -1 .

$$
\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \quad \mathrm{BaO}_{2}
$$

Bases and acids dissociate differently depending on the nature of molecule bonds:


## Bases

Bases are electrolytes, which dissociate in aqueous solution with the formation $\mathrm{OH}^{-}$.

The acidity of the base is the number of - OH groups formed during dissociation.

Bases are divided:

## Monoacidic bases

NaOH - sodium hydroxide, KOH - potassium hydroxide

## Diacidic bases

$\mathrm{Ba}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ - barium hydroxide, $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ - iron (II) hydroxide

## Triacidic bases

$\mathrm{Al}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}$ - aluminium hydroxide, $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}$ - iron (III) hydroxide
Alkalis are bases good soluble in water:
$\mathrm{LiOH}, \mathrm{NaOH}, \mathrm{KOH}, \mathrm{RbOH}, \mathrm{CsOH}, \mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}, \mathrm{Sr}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}, \mathrm{Ba}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$.
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## Acids

Acids are electrolytes, which dissociate in aqueous solution to form $\mathrm{H}^{+}$and acid residue.

## Binary Acids

They are named by a combination of the prefix "hydro" and nonmetal name modified to have an "ic" ending.

HF hydrofluoric acid
HCl hydrochloric acid
HBr hydrobromic acid
HI hydroiodic acid
$\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ hydrosulphuric acid

## Oxoacids

| Formula <br> of acid | Name of acid | Formula <br> of salt | Name of salt |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ | sulphuric acid | $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ | sodium sulphate |
| $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ | sulphurous acid | $\mathrm{Al}_{2}\left(\mathrm{SO}_{3}\right)_{3}$ | luminium sulphite |
| $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ | hydrosulphuric | $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{~S}$ | ammonium sulphide |
| $\mathrm{HNO}_{3}$ | nitric acid | $\mathrm{Ba}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | barium nitrate |
| $\mathrm{HNO}_{2}$ | nitrous acid | $\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{2}\right)_{2}$ | lron(II) nitrite |
| $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | carbonic acid | $\mathrm{CaCO}_{3}$ | calcium carbonate |
| $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ | (ortho) phosphoric acid | $\mathrm{Na}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ | sodium phosphate |
| $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}$ | (ortho) boric acid | $\mathrm{Na}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}$ | sodium orthoborate |
| $\mathrm{HBO}_{2}$ | (meta) boric acid | $\mathrm{NaBO}_{2}$ | sodium metaborate |
| $\mathrm{HClO}_{4}$ | perchloric acid | $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$ | ammonium perchlorate |
| $\mathrm{HClO}_{3}$ | chloric acid | $\mathrm{NaClO}_{3}$ | sodium chlorate |
| $\mathrm{HClO}_{2}$ | chlorous acid | $\mathrm{KClO}_{2}$ | potassium chlorite |
| HClO | hypochlorous acid | $\mathrm{NaClO}_{3}$ | sodium hypochlorite |
| HCl | hydrochloric acid | $\mathrm{CuCl}_{2}$ | copper(II) chloride |

Note: An ortho acid is an oxoacid containing the maximum number of OH groups possible.

A meta acid is formed by the elimination of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ from the ortho acid.

$$
\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{AlO}_{3}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightarrow \mathrm{HAlO}_{2} \text { metaluminic acid }
$$

When $2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ less one $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ then forms poly-form which is called disulphuric acid:

$$
2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \rightarrow \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}
$$

By the number of hydrogen cations acids are divided into: monoprotic, diprotic and triprotic.

## Monoprotic acides

HCl - hydrochloric acid
$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COOH}$ - acetic acid HCN - hydrocyanic acid

## Diprotic acides $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ - sulphuric acid $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ - carbonic acid <br> $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CrO}_{4}$ - chromic acid <br> $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{Cr}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ - dichromic acid

Triprotic acides
$\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ - phosphoric acid
$\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{AsO}_{4}$ - ortho arsenicic acid
$\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{AsO}_{3}$ - ortho arsenous acid

## Salts

Salts are electrolytes which dissociate by cations of metal and anions of the acidic moiety.

Salts are ionic compounds in which hydrogen atoms of acids are replaced by metal ions.

All the salts divided into three parts: means, acidic and basic.

The means salts are product of complete replacement of hydrogen atoms of acids by the metal or ammonium ion $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}^{+}\right)$.

Acidic salts are product of partial replacement of hydrogen atoms of polyprotic acids by metal.

Basic salts are product of partial replacement of the hydroxyl group of polyacidic base by acidic moiety.

## Salts

## Means

## Acidic

## Basic

$\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4} \rightarrow \mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4} \quad \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3} \rightarrow \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3} \quad \mathrm{Al}(\mathrm{OH})_{3} \rightarrow \mathrm{AlOHCl}_{2}$ sodium sulphate sodium hydrogen carbonate
$\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3} \rightarrow \mathrm{CaCO}_{3} \quad \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4} \rightarrow \mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{HPO}_{4} \quad \mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{OH})_{2} \rightarrow(\mathrm{CuOH})_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$
calcium carbonate
sodium hydrogen phosphate copper hydroxo carbonate
$\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CrO}_{4} \rightarrow \mathrm{Fe}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CrO}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{PO}_{4}\right)_{2}$
iron (III) chromate calcium dihydrogen phosphate

| Anion |
| :---: |
| Cation |
| Hydrogen, |

$+$ Bromide $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$

| Acetate | Phosphate |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COO}^{-}$ | $\mathbf{P O}_{4}{ }^{3-}$ |


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| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COO}^{-}$ | $\mathbf{P O}_{4}{ }^{3-}$ |

Nitrate
Hydrogen
Carbonate
$\mathrm{HCO}_{3}{ }^{-}$ $\mathbf{N O}_{3}{ }^{-}$
$\mathrm{HBr} \quad \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3} \quad \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COOH}$
$\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4} \quad \mathrm{HNO}_{3}$
Ammonium, $\mathrm{NH}_{4}{ }^{+}$
Calcium, $\mathrm{Ca}^{2+}$
Aluminum, $\mathrm{Al}^{3+}$
Sodium, $\mathrm{Na}^{+}$ Iron (III),
$\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$
Nickel (II), $\mathrm{Ni}^{2+}$
Silver, $\mathrm{Ag}^{+}$
$\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Br} \quad \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{HCO}_{3}$
$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COONH}_{4} \quad\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$
$\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$
$\mathrm{CaBr}_{2} \mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{HCO}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right)_{2} \quad \mathrm{Ca}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PO}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Ca}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}$
$\mathrm{AlBr}_{3} \quad \mathrm{Al}\left(\mathrm{HCO}_{3}\right)_{3} \quad \mathrm{Al}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right)_{3} \quad \mathrm{AlPO}_{4} \quad \mathrm{Al}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{3}$
$\begin{array}{llllll}\mathrm{NaBr} & \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3} & \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COONa} & \mathrm{Na}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4} & \mathrm{NaNO}_{3}\end{array}$
$\mathrm{FeBr}_{3} \quad \mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{HCO}_{3}\right)_{3}$
$\mathrm{NiBr} r_{2} \quad \mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{HCO}_{3}\right)_{2}$
$\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right)_{2}$
$\mathrm{Ni}_{3}\left(\mathrm{PO}_{4}\right)_{2} \quad \mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}$

