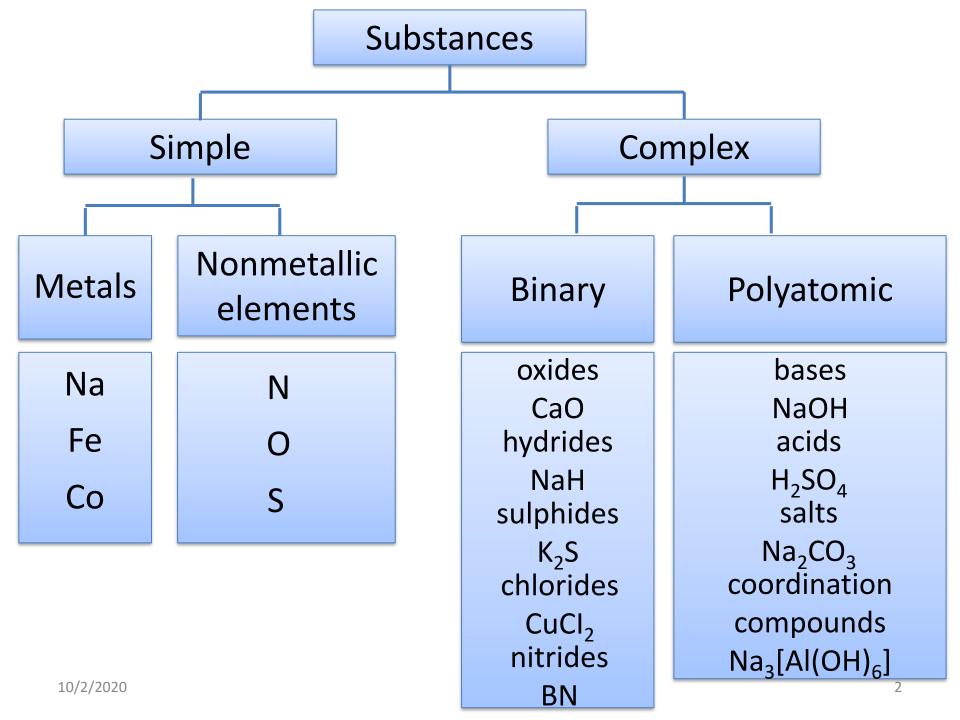
# Classes and nomenclature of inorganic compounds



#### **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 Na+, Mg<sup>2+</sup>.

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:

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

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

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:

$$Cl^0 + 1\bar{e} \rightarrow Cl^-$$
  
neutral chlorine atom chloride ion

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

$$S^0 + 2\bar{e} \rightarrow S^{2-}$$
 sulphide ion

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, Na<sup>+</sup> 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 Cl<sup>-</sup> ion is called **chloride**.

Cation	Name	Anion	Name
H <sup>+</sup>	hydrogen	H <sup>-</sup>	hydride
Na <sup>+</sup>	sodium	F <sup>-</sup>	fluoride
K <sup>+</sup>	potassium	Cl <sup>-</sup>	chloride
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	magnesium	Br <sup>-</sup>	bromide
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	calcium	<b>I</b> -	iodide
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	iron (II)	B <sup>3-</sup>	boride
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	iron (III)	N <sup>3-</sup>	nitride
Al <sup>3+</sup>	aluminum	O <sup>2-</sup>	oxide
Ag <sup>+</sup>	silver	S <sup>2-</sup>	sulphide

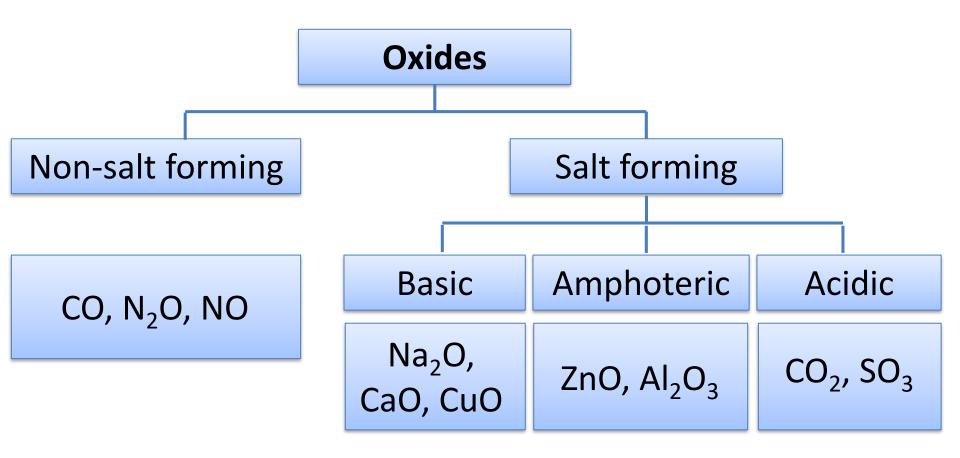
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# Naming binary covalent compounds

Formula	Name			
	Using prefixes	Stock system		
BCl <sub>3</sub>	boron trichloride	boron (III) chloride		
NO	nitrogen oxide	nitrogen (II) oxide		
PbO <sub>2</sub>	lead dioxide	lead (IV) oxide		
$N_2O_5$	dinitrogen pentoxide	nitrogen (V) oxide		
PCl <sub>5</sub>	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

- 1	Ш	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Na <sub>2</sub> O	MgO	$Al_2O_3$	SiO <sub>2</sub>	$P_2O_5$	$SO_3$	Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
Sodium oxide	Magnesium oxide	Aluminium oxide	Silicon dioxide	Phosphorus (V) oxide	Sulphur (VI) oxide	Chlorine (VII) oxide
Strong basic	Basic	Amphoteric	Slightly acidic	Acidic	Strong acidic	Very strong acidic

Over the period from the left to the right:

Metallic properties of elements are decreasing

Basic properties of oxides are decreasing

Acidic properties of oxides are increasing

# Hydroxides of elements of III period

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
NaOH	$Mg(OH)_2$	Al(OH) <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	HClO <sub>4</sub>
Sodium hydroxide	Magnesium hydroxide	Aluminium hydroxide	Silicic acid	Orthophos- phoric acid	Sulphuric acid	Perchloric acid
Strong basic	Basic	Amphoteric	Slightly acidic	Acidic	Strong acidic	Very strong 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:

$$^{+2}$$
  $^{+3}$   $^{+6}$   $^{CrO}$   $^{Cr}_{2}O_{3}$   $^{CrO}_{3}$   $^{Amphoteric}$  Acidic

Double oxides contain an element in two oxidation states:

Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> magnetite, iron (II) iron (III) oxide FeO·Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

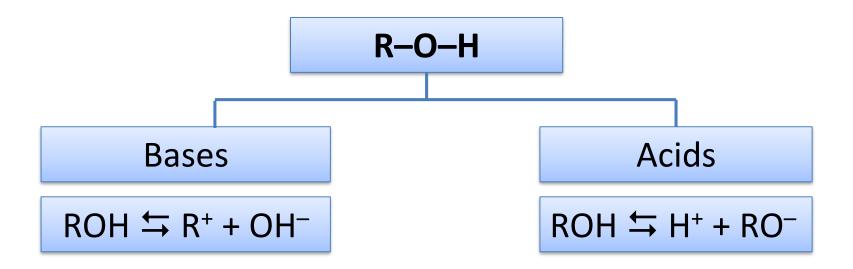
Polymeric oxides:

$$(H_2O)_n$$
  $(P_2O_3)_n$ 

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

$$H_2O_2$$
,  $BaO_2$ 

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



#### **Bases**

**Bases** are electrolytes, which dissociate in aqueous solution with the formation OH<sup>-</sup>.

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**

 $Ba(OH)_2$  – barium hydroxide,  $Fe(OH)_2$  – iron (II) hydroxide

#### **Triacidic bases**

 $Al(OH)_3$  – aluminium hydroxide,  $Fe(OH)_3$  – iron (III) hydroxide

Alkalis are bases good soluble in water:

LiOH, NaOH, KOH, RbOH, CsOH, Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>, Sr(OH)<sub>2</sub>, Ba(OH)<sub>2</sub>.

#### **Acids**

**Acids** are electrolytes, which dissociate in aqueous solution to form H<sup>+</sup> 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 *hydro*iodic acid

H<sub>2</sub>S *hydro*sulphuric acid

# **Oxoacids**

Formula of acid	Name of acid	Formula of salt	Name of salt
H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	sulphur <b>ic</b> acid	Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	sodium sulph <b>ate</b>
$H_2SO_3$	sulphur <b>ous</b> acid	$Al_2(SO_3)_3$	aluminium sulph <b>ite</b>
H <sub>2</sub> S	hydrosulphur <b>ic</b>	$(NH_4)_2S$	ammonium sulph <b>ide</b>
HNO <sub>3</sub>	nitr <b>ic</b> acid	$Ba(NO_3)_2$	barium nitr <b>ate</b>
HNO <sub>2</sub>	nitr <b>ous</b> acid	$Fe(NO_2)_2$	iron(II) nitr <b>ite</b>
$H_2CO_3$	carbon <b>ic</b> acid	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	calcium carbon <b>ate</b>
H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	(ortho) phosphor <b>ic</b> acid	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	sodium phosph <b>ate</b>
$H_3BO_3$	(ortho) bor <b>ic</b> acid	Na <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub>	sodium orthobor <b>ate</b>
HBO <sub>2</sub>	(meta) bor <b>ic</b> acid	NaBO <sub>2</sub>	sodium metabor <b>ate</b>
HClO <sub>4</sub>	perchloric acid	NH <sub>4</sub> ClO <sub>4</sub>	ammonium <b>per</b> chlor <b>ate</b>
HClO <sub>3</sub>	chlor <b>ic</b> acid	NaClO <sub>3</sub>	sodium chlor <b>ate</b>
HClO <sub>2</sub>	chlor <b>ous</b> acid	KClO <sub>2</sub>	potassium chlor <b>ite</b>
HCIO	hypochlorous acid	NaClO	sodium <b>hypo</b> chlor <b>ite</b>
HCl	hydrochlor <b>ic</b> acid	CuCl <sub>2</sub>	copper(II) chlor <b>ide</b>

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

A **meta acid** is formed by the elimination of H<sub>2</sub>O from the ortho acid.

$$H_3AIO_3 - H_2O \rightarrow HAIO_2$$
 metaluminic acid

When 2H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> less one H<sub>2</sub>O then forms poly-form which is called **disulphuric** acid:

$$2H_2SO_4 - H_2O \rightarrow H_2S_2O_7$$

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

## Monoprotic acides

**H**Cl – hydrochlor**ic** acid CH<sub>3</sub>COO**H** – acetic acid

**H**CN – hydrocyanic acid

### **Diprotic acides**

H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> – sulphuric acid

H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> – carbonic acid

H<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> – chromic acid

H<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> – dichromic acid

## **Triprotic acides**

 $H_3PO_4$  – phosphoric acid  $H_3AsO_4$  – ortho arsenicic acid

 $H_3$ AsO<sub>3</sub> – ortho arsenous acid

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#### **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  $(NH_4^+)$ .

**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			
$H_2SO_4 \rightarrow Na_2SO_4$ sodium sulphate	$H_2CO_3 \rightarrow NaHCO_3$ sodium hydrogen carbon <b>ate</b>	$Al(OH)_3 \rightarrow AlOHCl_2$ aluminium hydroxo chlor <b>ide</b>			
$H_2CO_3 \rightarrow CaCO_3$ calcium carbon <b>ate</b>	$H_3PO_4 \rightarrow Na_2HPO_4$ sodium hydrogen phosph <b>ate</b>	$Cu(OH)_2 \rightarrow (CuOH)_2CO_3$ copper hydroxo carbon <b>ate</b>			
$H_2CrO_4 \rightarrow Fe_2(CrO_4)_3$ iron (III) chromate	$H_3PO_4 \rightarrow Ca(H_2PO_4)_2$ calcium dihydrogen phosph <b>ate</b>				

Cation	Bromide Br	Carbonate	Acetate CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup>	Phosphate $PO_4^{3-}$	NO <sub>3</sub> -
Hydrogen, H <sup>+</sup>	HBr	HCO <sub>3</sub> ·	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	H <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	HNO <sub>3</sub>
Ammonium, NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	NH <sub>4</sub> Br	NH <sub>4</sub> HCO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COONH <sub>4</sub>	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>
Calcium, Ca <sup>2+</sup>	CaBr <sub>2</sub>	Ca(HCO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Ca(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub>	Ca <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
Aluminum, Al <sup>3+</sup>	AlBr <sub>3</sub>	Al(HCO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Al(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>3</sub>	AIPO <sub>4</sub>	Al(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
Sodium, Na <sup>+</sup>	NaBr	NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COONa	Na <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	NaNO <sub>3</sub>
Iron (III) , Fe <sup>3+</sup>	FeBr <sub>3</sub>	Fe(HCO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Fe(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>3</sub>	FePO <sub>4</sub>	Fe(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
Nickel (II), Ni <sup>2+</sup>	NiBr <sub>2</sub>	Ni(HCO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Ni(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub>	Ni <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Ni(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
Silver, Ag <sup>+</sup>	AgBr	AgHCO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COOAg	Ag <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	AgNO <sub>3</sub>
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Acetate

**Nitrate** 

Phosphate

Hydrogen

Anion