

Molecules, Compounds, and Chemical Equations (Chapter 3)

Chemical Compounds

1. Classification of Elements and Compounds

Types of Pure Substances (Figure 3.4)

Elements -- made up of only one type of atom

atomic (e.g., He, Cu) or **molecular** (e.g., H₂, N₂, P₄)

Compounds -- made up of atoms of two or more different elements

molecular (e.g., H₂O, PF₅) or **ionic** (e.g., NaCl)

2. Elements combine to form compounds -- two general types

Molecular Compounds -- **Covalent Bonding** -- **electron sharing**

atoms linked together by "covalent bonds" in *discrete* electrically neutral particles called *molecules*

e.g., H₂O CO₂ PCl₃ C₁₂H₂₂O₁₁

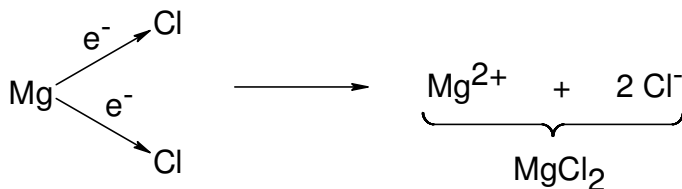
Ionic Compounds -- **Ionic Bonding** -- **electron transfer**

result from transfer of one or more electrons from one atom to another to yield oppositely-charged particles called *ions*

cation = positive ion **anion** = negative ion

there are not discrete molecules -- the ions are held together by electrostatic forces in a regular, 3-dimensional pattern called a *crystalline lattice*

e.g., MgCl₂ magnesium chloride



3. Properties of Ionic and Molecular Compounds

Ionic compounds:

- hard, brittle, high-melting crystalline solids
- non-conductors in solid state, but conductors when molten
- *electrolytes* -- separate into ions in aqueous solution

Molecular compounds:

- only weak attractive forces between uncharged molecules
- generally low mp and bp
- non-conductors of electricity
- usually nonelectrolytes

4. Types of Chemical Formulas (e.g., see [Table 3.1](#))

empirical formula shows the *simplest ratio* of the elements present

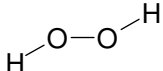
molecular formula shows the *actual number* of atoms in one molecule

structural formula shows how the atoms are connected

e.g., for "hydrogen peroxide" the three formulas are:

empirical: HO

molecular: H₂O₂

structural: 

molecular model a 3-D rendering of the structure of a molecule
common types are "ball and stick" or "space-filling"

5. Relationship to Periodic Table -- Some General trends

Molecular compounds contain only **nonmetals and/or metalloids**

e.g., PH₃ AsF₅ HBr

some nonmetallic elements actually exist as molecular compounds

e.g., the diatomics (H₂, O₂, N₂, etc. as listed before)
also: P₄, As₄, S₈, Se₈

Ionic compounds contain **metals and/or polyatomic ions**

group IA (1) +1 cations Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺,

group IIA (2) +2 cations Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺,

an important +3 cation Al³⁺

other metals may form more than one cation, e.g.:

Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺ Sn²⁺ and Sn⁴⁺

group VIA (16) -2 anions O²⁻, S²⁻, Se²⁻,

group VIIA (17) -1 anions F⁻, Cl⁻, Br⁻,

6. Polyatomic Ions -- two or more atoms combined in a single **charged unit**

e.g., NH₄⁺ ammonium ion
NO₃⁻ nitrate ion
PO₄³⁻ phosphate ion
HCO₃⁻ hydrogen carbonate (or bicarbonate ion)

KNOW ALL of the formulas and names in Table 3.4 plus the following!!!

H₃O⁺ hydronium ion
C₂O₄²⁻ oxalate
PO₃³⁻ phosphite
OCN⁻ cyanate
SCN⁻ thiocyanate
S₂O₃²⁻ thiosulfate

See the class web site for an organized tabulation of the polyatomic ions!

Writing Formulas for Ionic Compounds

look for the ***simplest combination of cations and anions*** to yield an electrically neutral formula

e.g.,	ion combination	compound
	Mg ²⁺ and Cl ⁻	MgCl ₂
	Na ⁺ and O ²⁻	Na ₂ O
	Fe ³⁺ and SO ₄ ²⁻	Fe ₂ (SO ₄) ₃

e.g., What compound should form between sulfur (S) and potassium (K)?

K is in group IA → K⁺

S is in group VIA → S²⁻

therefore, the compound should be K₂S

Inorganic Chemical Nomenclature

1. Binary compounds of metals and nonmetals -- *ionic* compds

cation first, then anion, e.g.:

MgO	magnesium oxide	
CaF ₂	calcium fluoride	
FeO	iron(II) oxide	{aka ferrous oxide}
Fe ₂ O ₃	iron(III) oxide	{aka ferric oxide}

2. Compounds with polyatomic ions -- *ionic* compds

must first recognize the polyatomic ions, e.g.:

Na ₂ SO ₄	sodium sulfate
NH ₄ Cl	ammonium chloride
Cr ₃ (PO ₄) ₂	chromium(II) phosphate

3. Hydrated ionic compounds

have a specific number of water molecules associated with each formula unit of an ionic substance

e.g., $\text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ magnesium chloride hexahydrate
 $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ copper(II) sulfate pentahydrate

4. Binary compounds of nonmetals -- *molecular* compds

use prefixes to indicate numbers of each atom, e.g.:

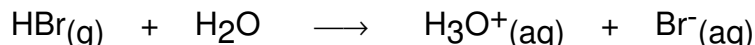
PF_3 phosphorus trifluoride
 P_2F_4 diphosphorus tetrafluoride
 N_2O_5 dinitrogen pentoxide

exception -- hydrogen plus one atom of a nonmetal. e.g.:

H_2S hydrogen sulfide (not "dihydrogen")

5. Binary acids and their salts

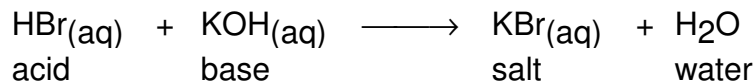
Acid: substance that reacts with water to yield hydronium ions (H_3O^+) and anions, e.g.:



$\text{HBr}(\text{aq})$ *hydrobromic acid*

$\text{H}_2\text{Se}(\text{aq})$ *hydroselenic acid*

Salt: an **ionic compound** produced by **neutralization** of an **acid** by a **base** (a supplier of hydroxide ions, OH^-), e.g.:



KBr potassium bromide {a salt of *hydrobromic acid*}

Na_2S sodium sulfide {a salt of *hydrosulfuric acid*}

6. Oxoacids and their salts

oxoacid (aka **oxyacid**) -- H_xEO_y (where E = nonmetal)

removal of H^+ yields polyatomic anions

oxoacid	polyatomic ions	salt example
H_2SO_4 sulfur ic acid	SO_4^{2-} sulf ate	Na_2SO_4 sodium sulf ate
	HSO_4^- hydrogen sulf ate	$NaHSO_4$ sodium hydrogen sulf ate
H_2SO_3 sulfur ous acid	SO_3^{2-} sulf ite	$CaSO_3$ calcium sulf ite
	HSO_3^- hydrogen sulf ite	$Ca(HSO_3)_2$ calcium hydrogen sulf ite

review the series of chlorine oxoacids and their salts: $HClO_x$ ($x = 1, 2, 3, 4$)

Composition of Compounds

1. Empirical and Molecular Formulas

empirical formula -- shows the *simplest ratio* of the elements present

molecular formula -- shows the *actual number* of atoms in one molecule

2. Percentage Composition -- mass % of elements in a compound

theoretical % composition -- from given formula

Problem: What is percentage composition of H_2CO_3 ?

mole ratio = 2 mol H : 1 mol C : 3 mol O

molar mass = $2(1.0) + 1(12.0) + 3(16.0) = 62.0$ g/mole

% composition:

$$\begin{aligned}\% H &= [\text{mass H} / \text{mass } H_2CO_3] \times 100\% \\ &= [2(1.01) / 62.0] \times 100\% = 3.26\%\end{aligned}$$

$$\% C = (12.01 / 62.0) \times 100\% = 19.36$$

$$\% O = [3(16.00) / 62.0] \times 100\% = 77.38$$

$$\text{Total: } 100.00\%$$

3. Empirical Formula -- **determination from % composition**

Problem:

A certain fluorocarbon is found to be 36.52% C, 6.08% H, and 57.38% F. What is the empirical formula of this compound?

{we're looking for the **mole ratio** of the elements}

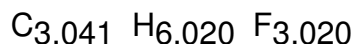
in 100 g of the compound, there are:

$$(36.52 \text{ g-C}) \times (1 \text{ mol C} / 12.01 \text{ g-C}) = 3.041 \text{ mole C}$$

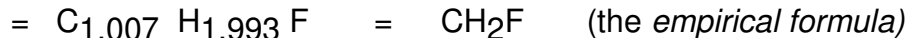
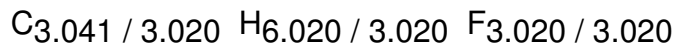
$$(6.08 \text{ g-H}) \times (1 \text{ mol H} / 1.01 \text{ g-H}) = 6.020 \text{ mole H}$$

$$(57.38 \text{ g-F}) \times (1 \text{ mol F} / 19.00 \text{ g-F}) = 3.020 \text{ mole F}$$

so, the mole ratio is:



now reduce to simplest ratio (divide by smallest number):



4. Molecular Formula

empirical formula combined with **molecular mass = molecular formula**

Problem:

The above fluorocarbon is found to have a molecular mass of 66.08 g/mole. What is the molecular formula?

$$n \times (\text{mass of empirical formula}) = \text{molecular mass} \{ n = ? \}$$

$$\text{empirical formula} = \text{CH}_2\text{F}$$

$$\text{formula mass} = 1 \text{ C} + 2 \text{ H} + 1 \text{ F} = 33.03 \text{ g/mole}$$

$$n \times (33.03 \text{ g/mole}) = 66.08 \text{ g/mole}, n = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{molecular formula is } \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{F}_2$$

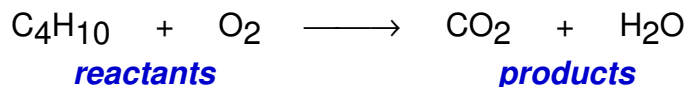
Chemical Equations

1. Balancing Chemical Equations -- by inspection

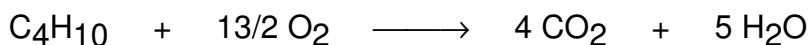
Adjust coefficients to get equal numbers of each kind of element on both sides of arrow.

Use smallest, whole number coefficients.

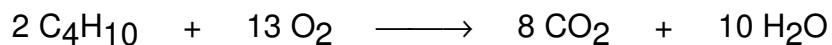
e.g., start with unbalanced equation (for the *combustion* of butane):



Hint: first look for an element that appears only once on each side; e.g., C



multiply through by 2 to remove fractional coefficient:



2. Combustion Analysis

see [Examples 3.20 and 3.21 in textbook](#)

based on combustion reactions (like the one above)



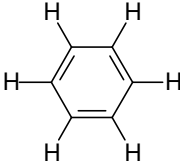
% C and **x** determined from amount of CO₂ produced

% H and **y** determined from amount of H₂O produced

% O (if present) and **z** must be determined by difference

Organic Compounds -- molecular compounds of carbon

(See Tables 3.6 and 3.7)

Family	Main Structural Feature	Examples
Hydrocarbons: Alkanes Alkenes Alkynes Aromatic	only single bonds C=C C≡C benzene ring (e.g., C ₆ H ₆)	CH ₃ CH ₃ CH ₂ =CH ₂ HC≡CH 
Alcohols	R-OH	CH ₃ CH ₂ OH
Ethers	R-O-R'	CH ₃ OCH ₃
Aldehydes	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{H} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{H} \end{array}$
Ketones	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{R}' \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$
Carboxylic Acids	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{OH} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{OH} \end{array}$
Esters	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{OR}' \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3 \end{array}$
Amines	RNH ₂ , R ₂ NH, R ₃ N	CH ₃ NH ₂

Nomenclature - based on hydrocarbons:

CH ₄	methane	C ₅ H ₁₂	pentane
C ₂ H ₆	ethane	C ₆ H ₁₄	hexane
C ₃ H ₈	propane	C ₇ H ₁₆	heptane
C ₄ H ₁₀	butane	C ₈ H ₁₈	octane, etc.....