Advanced Chemistry
Notes: Naming Compounds

**Elements** are the building materials of the substances that make up all living and nonliving things.

\*Only the noble gas elements exist as isolated atoms, also known as monatomic.

**Molecular compounds** are compounds composed of molecules that tend to have relatively low melting and boiling points. Many are gasses or liquids.

**Molecule** is the smallest electrically neutral unit of a substance that still has the properties of the substance. They are made up of two or more atoms that act as a single unit

\*Ex. oxygen molecules (O<sub>2</sub>) because it is made up of 2 different atoms of oxygen

\*Diatomic molecules are molecules that have 2 atoms such as O<sub>2</sub>

\*Triatomic molecules are molecules that have 3 atoms such as O<sub>3</sub> (Ozone)

**Ionic compounds** are compounds composed of cations and anions, and usually composed of metal cations and nonmetal anions.

\*Ex. sodium chloride or calcium oxide (lime)

\*The total positive charge is equal to the total negative charge

\*Melt at high temperatures, and are solid crystals at room temp

Characteristics of Molecular and Ionic Compounds			
Representative unit	Molecule	Formula unit (balance of oppositely charged ions)	
Type of elements	Nonmetallic	Metallic combined with nonmetallic	
Physical state	Solid, liquid, or gas	Solid	
Melting point	Low (usually below 300°C)	High (usually above300°C)	

**Ions** are atoms or groups of atoms that have a positive or negative charge

- Cations are any atom or group of atoms that has a positive charge. Formed when elements lose one or more electrons
- **Anions** are any atom or group of atoms that has a negative charge. Formed when elements gain one or more electrons.
- **Monatomic ions:** ions consisting of only one atom, the ionic charges can often be determined by using the periodic table.

Ionic Charges of Representative Elements							
1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	7A	0
Li <sup>+</sup>	Be <sup>2+</sup>			$N^{3-}$	O <sup>2-</sup>	F <sup>-</sup>	
Na <sup>+</sup>	Mg <sup>2+</sup>	Al <sup>3+</sup>		P <sup>3-</sup>	S <sup>2-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	
K <sup>+</sup>	Ca <sup>2+</sup>			As <sup>3-</sup>	Se <sup>2-</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	
Rb <sup>+</sup>	Sr <sup>2+</sup>					I <sup>-</sup>	
Cs <sup>+</sup>	Ba <sup>2+</sup>						

• **Poloyatomic ions** tightly bound groups of atoms that behave as a unit and carry a charge. \*Ex. sulfate which has a 2- charge

Ammonium	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	Chlorate	ClO <sub>3</sub>	Peroxide	O <sub>2</sub> -2
Acetate	CH <sub>3</sub> COO	Perchlorate	ClO <sub>4</sub>	Chromate	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
Nitrate	NO <sub>3</sub>	Permanganate	MnO <sub>4</sub>	Dichromate	$Cr_2O_7^{-2}$
Nitrite	NO <sub>2</sub>	Carbonate	CO <sub>3</sub> -2	Silicate	SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>
Hydroxide	OH <sup>-</sup>	Sulfate	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	Phosphate	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-3</sup>
Hypochlorite	ClO <sup>-</sup>	Sulfite	SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup>	Arsenate	AsO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-3</sup>
Chlorite	ClO <sub>2</sub>	Thiosulfate	$S_2O_3^{-2}$	Arsenite	AsO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-3</sup>
Cyanate	CN <sup>-</sup>	Thiocyanate	SCN <sup>-</sup>	Borate	BO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-3</sup>
Bicarbonate	HCO <sub>3</sub>	Bisulfate	HSO <sub>4</sub>	Bisulfite	HSO <sub>3</sub>

**Chemical formula** shows the kinds and numbers of atoms in the smallest representative unit of the substance.

<sup>\*</sup>If the molecules of the element each have more than one atom, a number is used as a subscript

Diatomic Seven		
Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> )	Fluorine (F <sub>2</sub> )	Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )
Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> )	Chlorine (Cl <sub>2</sub> )	Bromine (Br <sub>2</sub> )
Iodine (I <sub>2</sub> )		

- **Molecular formula** shows the numbers and kinds of atoms present in a molecule of a compound, but shows nothing about the molecule's structure.
- Formula unit is what chemist uses to represent an ionic compound.

\*The lowest whole-number ration of the ions is 1:1

The charges of the ions of the representative elements can be determined by the position of these elements in the periodic table. Most transition metals have more than one common ionic charge

<sup>\*</sup> Represented by the chemical formulas of monatomic elements

- Law of definite proportions states that in samples of any chemical compound, the masses of the elements are always in the same proportions \*consistent with Dalton's atomic theory.
- Law of multiple proportions: Whenever two elements form more than one compound, the different masses of one element that combine with the same mass of the other element are in the ratio of small whole numbers.

\*Stated by Dalton

## **Compound types:**

- 1. **Binary compounds** composed of two elements
  - \* Ex. potassium chloride (KCl)
  - \* named by writing the name of the cation followed by the name of the anion.
  - \* Generally ends in *ide*

When a cation can have more than one ionic charge, a Roman numeral is used in the name

- 2. **Ternary compounds** a compound that contains atoms of three different elements.
  - \* Name generally ends in ite or ate
- 3. **Binary molecular compounds** composed of two nonmetallic elements

\*name always ends in ide

\*prefixes are used to show how many atoms of each element are present