Section 2: Ionic Bonding



Ionic Compounds:



Binary Compounds: contain only two different atoms

Chemical Formula:

shows *type* & *number* of atoms in substance.

Formula Unit:

NaCl

the *lowest* whole-number *ratio* of atoms in an ionic compound.

CaS

Pb

Writing Formulas of Ionic Compounds:

- 1. Write **<u>symbol</u>** of **cation** (+) 1st, then **anion** (–).
- 2. Write <u>charge</u> of each ion as a *superscript*.
- 3. Write <u>subscripts</u> to balance the charges (crisscross charges)
- 4. Erase charges (neutral compound).



Writing Formulas of Ionic Compounds:

NAME

FORMULA

calcium oxide $Ca^{2+}O^{2-}$ **CaO** (*lowest ratio*) aluminum oxide $Al^{3+}O^{2-}$ **Al**₂O₃

magnesium phosphide $Mg_{2+}^{2+}P_{3-}^{3-}$ $Mg_{3}P_{2}$

lithium sulfide



Strong attractions form a <u>3-D crystal lattice</u>



The ions are packed into a regular repeating pattern of oppositely charged ions.

 good conductors when melted or dissolved (ions must be able to move)



Solid ionic compound



Molten ionic compound



Ionic compound dissolved in water

 Hard, rigid, and brittle (crack when enough force is applied)



- Hard, rigid, and brittle (crack when enough force is applied)
- High melting points (lots of energy is needed to break electrostatic forces)
- Many are soluble (dissolve in water)

The orderly arrangement of component ions produces the beauty of crystalline solids.



- 1. Which is true about ionic compounds?
 - A. they all have a net charge
 - B. they are poor conductors
 - C. they form crystalline solids

D. they are electrically neutral

2. Predict the formula for magnesium chloride.

Mg <u>loses</u> 2 electrons for a +2 <u>cation</u> Cl <u>gains</u> 1 electron for a -1 <u>anion</u> $Mg^{+2}CI^{-1}$ is not electrically <u>neutral</u> MgCl₂ has a +2 and a -2 to be neutral

3. Which chemical formula is incorrect?



- B. CaS
- C. MgO
- D. NaBr

- 4. Which chemical formula is correct?
 - A. KO B. MgS_2 C. CaO D. Na_2Br

