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内 容 简 介

全书共四个部分,分别为化学物质命名法、阶梯式阅读训练、常用专业词汇和答案。第1~4章为命名部分,除给出化学元素、无机物、有机物和配合物命名规则外,还提供了一些侧重命名识别与运用的阅读材料。第5~8章为阅读部分,其中第5章属于初级专业阅读材料,可以用化学专业知识帮助专业词汇积累和阅读理解,适合初涉专业阅读的学生使用。第6章是基础专业阅读材料,选用较短篇的特殊科技文献,语言相对简单,但较专业化且书面化,以训练学生使用英文获取专业信息的能力。第7、8章选择文体语言结构相对规范的化学专业文献,训练学生用文体结构特点帮助理解主题信息的能力,重点放在把握全局和主要创新点上。常用专业词汇整理了适合基础阅读需要的词汇资料。答案部分给出了本书全部习题的相关答案。

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前 言

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(1) 化学物质命名部分除给出化学元素、无机物、有机物和配合物命名规则外，还精选了一系列侧重各类命名识别与运用的短篇阅读材料作为该部分的配合阅读练习，以备课堂短时阅读训练使用。

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(3) 常用专业词汇部分主要提供适合基础阅读需要的词汇资料。本书不仅整理及精选了网络和其他材料中总结的常用专业词汇，还分类汇编了不同类别的基础词汇以便学生使用和记忆，如化学元素、常用化学仪器、常见反应类型、常用化学缩写、常用化学前后缀等词汇表。

(4) 答案部分给出了第5~8章全部练习题的相关答案。

全书由吉琳提出写作框架和编写原则，并做最后的统稿、定稿工作。吉琳编写了第1~4章部分内容，第7、8章和附录；林雨青、李雅萍共同编写了第1~4章部分内容和第5、6章。

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Part I Nomenclature

化学物质命名法

Chemical Element: 化学元素

1.1.1 Text

1. Elements and compounds

A kind of matter consisting of atoms that all have nuclei with the same electric charge is called an element. For example, all of the atoms that contain nuclei with the charge $+e$, each nucleus having one electron attached to it to neutralize its charge, comprise the element hydrogen, and all of the atoms that contain nuclei with the charge $+92e$ comprise the element uranium.

An element is a substance that is composed of atoms of one element only. An elementary substance is commonly called an element.

A compound is a substance that is composed of atoms of two or more different elements. These atoms of two or more different elements must be present in a definite numerical ratio, since compounds are defined as having a definite composition.

2. The names and symbols of the elements

The chemical symbols of the elements are used as abbreviations for their names. These symbols are usually the initial letters of the names, plus another letter when necessary. All but eleven of the elements are given a symbol corresponding to one or two letters in the English name of the element (the first letter is always capitalized and the second letter is never capitalized). One of these exceptions is tungsten, whose symbol (W) is derived from the German name of the element, Wolfram. The other ten have symbols derived from their Latin names. These are: stibium (Sb) for antimony, cuprum (Cu) for copper, aurum (Au) for gold, ferrum (Fe) for iron, plumbum (Pb) for lead, hydrargyrum (Hg) for mercury, kalium (K) for potassium, argentum (Ag) for silver, natrium (Na) for sodium, and stannum (Sn) for tin. The system of chemical symbols was proposed by the Swedish chemist Jöns Jakob Berzelius (1779—1848) in 1811. The elements are also shown in a special arrangement, the periodic table (Fig. 1.1).

Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18																
Period	Alkali metals		Alkaline earth metals																Noble gases															
	Hydrogen																																	
1	1	H																	2	He														
2	Lithium		Beryllium																Neon															
	3	Li	4	Be															9	Ne														
3	Sodium		Magnesium																Argon															
	11	Na	12	Mg															17	Ar														
4	Potassium		Calcium		Scandium	Titanium	Vanadium	Chromium	Manganese	Iron	Cobalt	Nickel	Copper	Zinc	Germanium	Selenium	Bromine	Krypton																
	19	K	20	Ca	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36														
5	Rubidium		Strontium		Yttrium	Zirconium	Niobium	Molybdenum	Technetium	Ruthenium	Rhodium	Palladium	Silver	Cadmium	Indium	Tellurium	Iodine	Xenon																
	37	Rb	38	Sr	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54														
6	Cesium		Barium		*	Hafnium	Tantalum	Tungsten	Rhenium	Osmium	Iridium	Platinum	Gold	Mercury	Lead	Bismuth	Polonium	Radon																
	55	Cs	56	Ba	*	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86														
7	Francium		Radium		*	Rutherfordium	Dubnium	Seaborgium	Bohrium	Hassium	Meitnerium	Darmstadtium	Roentgenium	Copernicium	Flerovium	Ununpentium	Ununseptium	Ununoctium																
	87	Fr	88	Ra	*	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118														
					Lanthanum		Cerium		Praseodymium		Neodymium		Promethium		Samarium		Europium		Gadolinium		Terbium		Dysprosium		Holmium		Erbium		Thulium		Ytterbium		Lutetium	
					57		58		59		60		61		62		63		64		65		66		67		68		69		70		71	
					La		Ce		Pr		Nd		Pm		Sm		Eu		Gd		Tb		Dy		Ho		Er		Tm		Yb		Lu	
					Actinium		Thorium		Protactinium		Uranium		Neptunium		Plutonium		Americium		Curium		Berkelium		Californium		Einsteinium		Fermium		Mendelevium		Nobelium		Lawrencium	
					89		90		91		92		93		94		95		96		97		98		99		100		101		102		103	
					Ac		Th		Pa		U		Np		Pu		Am		Cm		Bk		Cf		Es		Fm		Md		No		Lr	
					Primordial		From decay		Synthetic		Border shows natural occurrence of the element																							

Fig. 1.1 The periodic table

A symbol is used to represent an atom of an element, as well as the element itself. The symbol I represents the element iodine, and also may be used to mean the elementary substance. However I_2 is the customary formula for the elementary substance, because it is known that elementary iodine consists of molecules containing two atoms in the solid and liquid states as well as in the gaseous state (except at very high temperature). In formulas showing composition or molecular structure the numerical subscript of an element gives the number of atoms of the element in the molecule.

1.1.2 New words

element	<i>n.</i> 元素	comprise	<i>v.</i> 构成, 组成
consist of	由……组成	composition	<i>n.</i> 构成
atom	<i>n.</i> 原子	abbreviation	<i>n.</i> 缩写
nucleus	<i>n.</i> (原子)核	the periodic table	元素周期表
electron	<i>n.</i> 电子	molecule	<i>n.</i> 分子的

1.1.3 Company reading 1: Groups and subgroups in the periodic table of the elements

—A proposal of modification in the nomenclature

Since not all authors agree on specifying which are A and B subgroups in the periodic table of the elements, and since the letters A and B are arbitrary indications, either explanatory periphrases or misunderstandings are inevitable.

We propose to eliminate letters A and B, and propose to indicate the subgroups by letters referring directly to the electronic structure of atoms, that is by letters s, p, d and f according to the orbital block in which the subgroup is lying. For example, keeping in mind that the first group includes alkaline metals (which belong to s-block) and the transition metals copper, silver and gold (which belong to d-block), one can indicate alkaline metals as subgroup I-s and the other three metals as subgroup I-d. Similar considerations can be drawn for the other groups, so that the table can be complete as reported in the Fig. 1.2.

According to our proposal, scandium, yttrium and lanthanum, which are transition elements, belong to group III-d (Fig. 1.2); boron, aluminum, gallium, indium and thallium belong to group III-p; the lanthanide and actinide elements, in accordance with their structure, belong to group III-f.

Hydrogen is known to have no fixed place in the periodic table. According to some

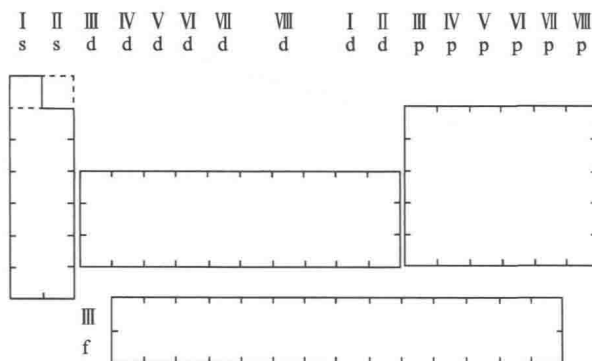


Fig. 1.2 Subgroups classification diagram

properties, hydrogen is included in the first group though it is not an alkaline metal; but based on other properties, it might be included among the halogens. That is why hydrogen is said to occupy a place apart in the periodic system. Similar considerations can be drawn for helium, which because of chemical properties is included among noble gases; but considering its electronic structure ($J=1/2$) it could be included in group II, as a lighter homologous to beryllium. According to our proposed new system, one can simply say that hydrogen belongs to group I-s. Helium either may be considered as an element of group II-s or assigned a place apart as a VIII-s element (the other noble gases form group VIII-p).

This proposal has been adopted as an experiment in a chemistry course for students at the University of Milan, and it has met with student favor for didactic advantages and easy scientific correlations.

1.1.4 Company reading 2: C, H and N analysis of organic samples

The possibility mentioned above for the simultaneous determination of carbon dioxide and water allows the determination of the carbon and hydrogen content in an organic material by its complete combustion. In essence, the assembly of Fig. 1.3 is used with two absorption tubes, one for water and the other for carbon dioxide. The combustion tube contains a packing of oxidized copper wire, which is heated externally and assures the complete oxidation of evolved gases. Dry oxygen is frequently employed as the carrier gas to facilitate the combustion. To avoid the interference formed by other gaseous substances, the exit end of the combustion tube contains various fillings. For example, silver wool may be inserted to trap halogens and sulfur. Nitrogen in organic samples, after Dumas, is determined as follows. The sample is mixed with copper(II) oxide and introduced into a tube that is already filled to about one half its length with this

oxide. The tube is heated and combustion to water, carbon dioxide and nitrogen occurs. The combustion products are swept by carbon dioxide as the carrier gas into a special gas buret known as a nitrometer. This device is a graduated tube filled with concentrated potassium hydroxide solution. This solution absorbs all the carbon dioxide and water but not the nitrogen gas. The volume of nitrogen trapped above the solution is read and related to the amount of nitrogen in the sample.

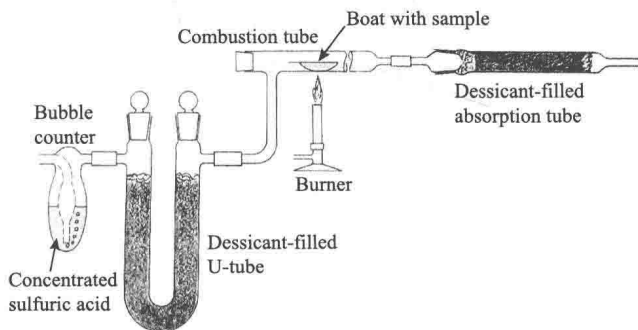


Fig. 1.3 Apparatus for the direct determination of water

Nomenclature of Inorganic Compounds : 无机物的命名

2.1.1 Text

To find the information about a particular substance, you must know its chemical formula and name. The names and formulas of compounds are essential vocabulary in chemistry. The naming of substances is called chemical nomenclature from the Latin words “nomen” (name) and “calare” (to call).

There are now over 10 million known chemical substances. Naming them all would be a hopelessly complicated task if each had a special name independent of all others. Many important substances that have been known for a long time, such as water H_2O and ammonia NH_3 , do have individual, traditional names. For most substances, however, we rely upon a systematic set of rules that lead to an informative and unique name for each substance, based on its composition.

The rules for chemical nomenclature are based on the division of substances into different categories. The major division is between organic compounds and inorganic ones. Organic compounds contain carbon, usually in combination with hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur. All other compounds are called inorganic compounds. Early chemists associated organic compounds with plants and animals, and they associated inorganic compounds with the nonliving portion of our world. Although this distinction between living and nonliving matter is no longer pertinent, the classification between organic and inorganic compounds continues to be useful. In this section, we consider the basic rules for naming inorganic compounds. Among inorganic compounds, we will consider three categories of substances: ionic compounds, molecular compounds and acids.

With the discovery of thousands of new inorganic compounds, it has become necessary to revise the traditional rules of nomenclature. An international committee has recommended a set of rules for naming compounds, and these are now being adopted throughout the world. Many of the older names are still used, however, and our ensuing

discussion will include in many cases both the old and new, with emphasis on the latter. One of the principal changes is that proposed by Albert Stock and now known as the Stock System for the naming of compounds of metals (oxides, hydroxides and salts) in which the metal may exhibit more than one oxidation state. In these cases, the oxidation state of the metal is shown by a Roman numeral in parentheses immediately following the English name of the metal which corresponds to its oxidation number. If the metal has only one common oxidation number, no Roman numeral is used. Another important change is in the naming of complex ions and coordination compounds. We will defer the nomenclature of the latter until these compounds are discussed.

1. Naming ionic compounds: names for metal oxides, bases and salts

Recall that ionic compounds usually consist of chemical combinations of metals and nonmetals. The metals form the positive ions and the nonmetals form the negative ions. Let's examine the naming of positive ions, then the naming of negative ones. After that, we will consider how to put the names of the ions together to identify the complete ionic compounds.

1) Positive ions (cations)

(1) Cations formed from metal atoms have the same name as the metal:

Na^+ sodium ion, Zn^{2+} zinc ion, Al^{3+} aluminum ion

Ions formed from a single atom are called monatomic ions.

(2) If a metal can form cations of differing charges, the positive charge is given by a Roman numeral in parentheses following the name of the metal:

Fe^{2+} iron(II) ion, Fe^{3+} iron(III) ion; Cu^+ copper(I) ion, Cu^{2+} copper(II) ion

Ions with different charges exhibit different properties, such as color.

Most of the metals that have variable charge are transition metals, elements that occur in the block of elements from III B to II B in the periodic table. The charges of these ions are indicated by Roman numerals. The common metal ions that do not have variable charges are the ions of group I A (Li^+ , Na^+ , K^+ , and Cs^+), those of II A (Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , and Ba^{2+}), as well as Al^{3+} (group III A) and two transition-metal ions: Ag^+ (group I B) and Zn^{2+} (group II B). Charges are not shown explicitly when naming these ions. If there is any doubt in your mind whether a metal forms more than one type of cation, indicate the charge using Roman numerals. It is never wrong to do so, even though it may be unnecessary.

An older method still widely used for distinguishing between two differently charged ions of a metal is to apply the ending -ous or -ic (Table 2.1). These endings represent the lower and higher charged ions, respectively. They are added to the root of the element's Latin name:

Fe^{2+} ferrous ion, Fe^{3+} ferric ion; Cu^+ cuprous ion, Cu^{2+} cupric ion

Although we will not use these older names in this text, you might encounter them elsewhere.

(3) Cations formed from nonmetal atoms have names that end in -ium:

NH_4^+ ammonium ion H_3O^+ hydronium ion

These two ions are the only ions of this kind that we will encounter frequently in the text. They are both polyatomic (composed of many atoms). The vast majority of cations are monatomic metal ions. Table 2.1 are names of some metal oxides, bases and salts.

Table 2.1 Names of some metal oxides, bases and salts

Formula	Name	
FeO	Iron (II) oxide	Ferrous oxide
Fe_2O_3	Iron (III) oxide	Ferric oxide
$\text{Sn}(\text{OH})_2$	Tin (II) hydroxide	Stannous hydroxide
$\text{Sn}(\text{OH})_4$	Tin (IV) hydroxide	Stannic hydroxide
Hg_2SO_4	Mercury (I) sulphate	Mercurous sulphate
HgSO_4	Mercury (II) sulphate	Mercuric sulphate
NaClO	Sodium hypochlorite	—
$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$	Potassium dichromate	—
$\text{Cu}_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2$	Copper (II) arsenate	Cupric arsenate
$\text{Cr}(\text{OAc})_3$	Chromium (III) acetate	Chromic acetate

The names and formulas of some of the most common cations are shown in Table 2.2. The ions listed on the left are the monatomic ions that do not have variable charges. Those listed on the right are either polyatomic cations or cations with variable charges. The Hg_2^{2+} ion is unusual because this metal ion is not monatomic. It is called the mercury (I) ion because it can be thought of as two Hg^+ ions fused together.

Table 2.2 Common cations

Charge	Cations without variable charges		Polyatomic cations or cations with variable charges	
	Formula	Name	Formula	Name
1+	H^+	Hydrogen ion	NH_4^+	Ammonium ion
	Li^+	Lithium ion	Cu^+	Copper (I) or cuprous ion
	Na^+	Sodium ion		
	K^+	Potassium ion		
	Cs^+	Cesium ion		
	Ag^+	Silver ion		
2+	Mg^{2+}	Magnesium ion	Co^{2+}	Cobalt (II) or cobaltous ion
	Ca^{2+}	Calcium ion	Cu^{2+}	Copper (II) or cupric ion