

Massive Oxidation Number Assignment

Assign the oxidation numbers of all the elements in the following substances:

1. Sulphur compounds:

- a. SO_2 $\text{S} = +4$ $\text{O} = -2$
- b. SF_6 $\text{S} = +6$ $\text{F} = -1$
- c. H_2SO_4 $\text{H} = +1$ $\text{S} = +6$ $\text{O} = -2$
- d. H_2S $\text{H} = +1$ $\text{S} = -2$
- e. Na_2SO_3 $\text{Na} = +1$ $\text{S} = +4$ $\text{O} = -2$

2. Chlorine compounds:

- a. KCl $\text{K} = +1$ $\text{Cl} = -1$
- b. NaClO_3 $\text{Na} = +1$ $\text{Cl} = +5$ $\text{O} = -2$
- c. Cl_2O $\text{Cl} = +1$ $\text{O} = -2$
- d. ICl_5 $\text{I} = +5$ $\text{Cl} = -1$
- e. Cl_2O_7 $\text{Cl} = +7$ $\text{O} = -2$

3. Nitrogen compounds:

- a. N_2O $\text{N} = +1$ $\text{O} = -2$
- b. NO $\text{N} = +2$ $\text{O} = -2$
- c. N_2O_4 $\text{N} = +4$ $\text{O} = -2$
- d. NH_3 $\text{N} = -3$ $\text{H} = +1$
- e. HNO_3 $\text{H} = +1$ $\text{N} = +5$ $\text{O} = -2$

4. Carbon compounds:

- a. CH_4 $\text{C} = -4$ $\text{H} = +1$
- b. C_2H_4 $\text{C} = -2$ $\text{H} = +1$
- c. HCOOH $\text{H} = +1$ $\text{C} = +2$ $\text{O} = -2$
- d. CO_2 $\text{C} = +4$ $\text{O} = -2$
- e. CH_2Cl_2 $\text{C} = 0$ $\text{H} = +1$ $\text{Cl} = -1$

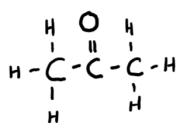
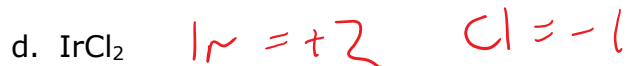
5. Manganese compounds:

- a. MnO_2 $\text{Mn} = +4$ $\text{O} = -2$
- b. MnBr_2 $\text{Mn} = +2$ $\text{Br} = -1$
- c. Mn_2S_3 $\text{Mn} = +3$ $\text{S} = -2$
- d. KMnO_4 $\text{K} = +1$ $\text{Mn} = +7$ $\text{O} = -2$
- e. Na_2MnO_4 $\text{Na} = +1$ $\text{Mn} = +6$ $\text{O} = -2$

6. Vanadium compounds:

- a. VOSO_4 $\text{V} = +4$ $\text{O} = -2$ $\text{S} = +6$
- b. VCl_2 $\text{V} = +2$ $\text{Cl} = -1$
- c. VO_2NO_3 $\text{V} = +5$ $\text{O} = -2$ $\text{N} = +5$
- d. V_2O_3 $\text{V} = +3$ $\text{O} = -2$
- e. VOCl_2 $\text{V} = +4$ $\text{O} = -2$ $\text{Cl} = -1$

7. Iridium species:



8. Propanone has the structure:

What is the oxidation state of C in this molecule? Is that possible? How can it be

explained? $\text{H} = +1, \text{O} = -2 \Rightarrow +4 \therefore \text{C total} = -4$

\therefore each C = $-4/3$

not possible as C can't gain $4/3$ electrons

$-4/3$ is average ox state of C.

The C attached to O must have a different Ox state than the other 2 C atoms

Extension

9. Using the periodic table as a guide, what would you EXPECT to be the **four** most

common oxidation states for Iodine? Why?

$0, -1, +5, +7$ — lose all e in outer shell

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I_2 as element I^- ion

lose 5e in p subshell