

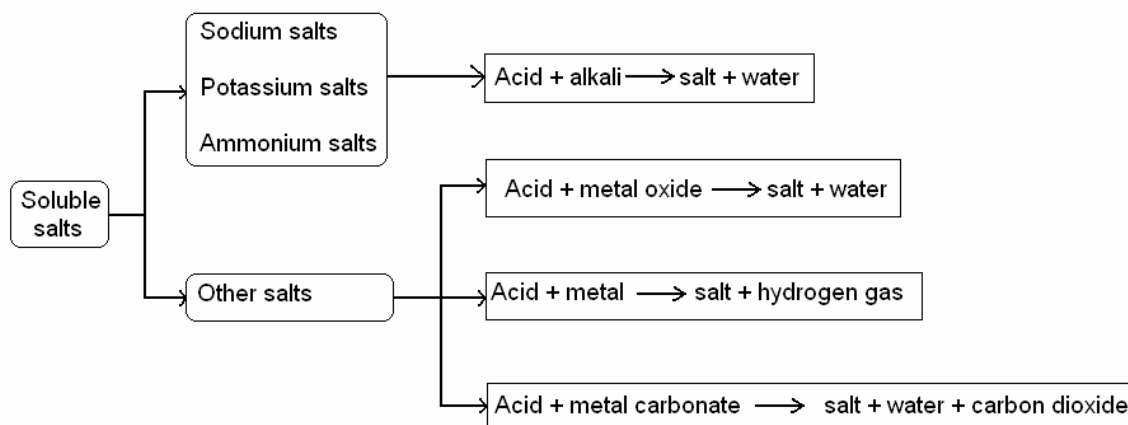
CHAPTER 8: SALTS

1. Salts

- A salt is an ionic compound.
- The anion part comes from the acid while the cation part comes from a base.
- Example: KCl , $\text{KOH(aq)} + \text{HCl(aq)} \rightarrow \text{KCl(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$
- **A salt is a compound formed when the hydrogen ion, H^+ from an acid is replaced by a metal ion or an ammonium ion, NH_4^+ .**

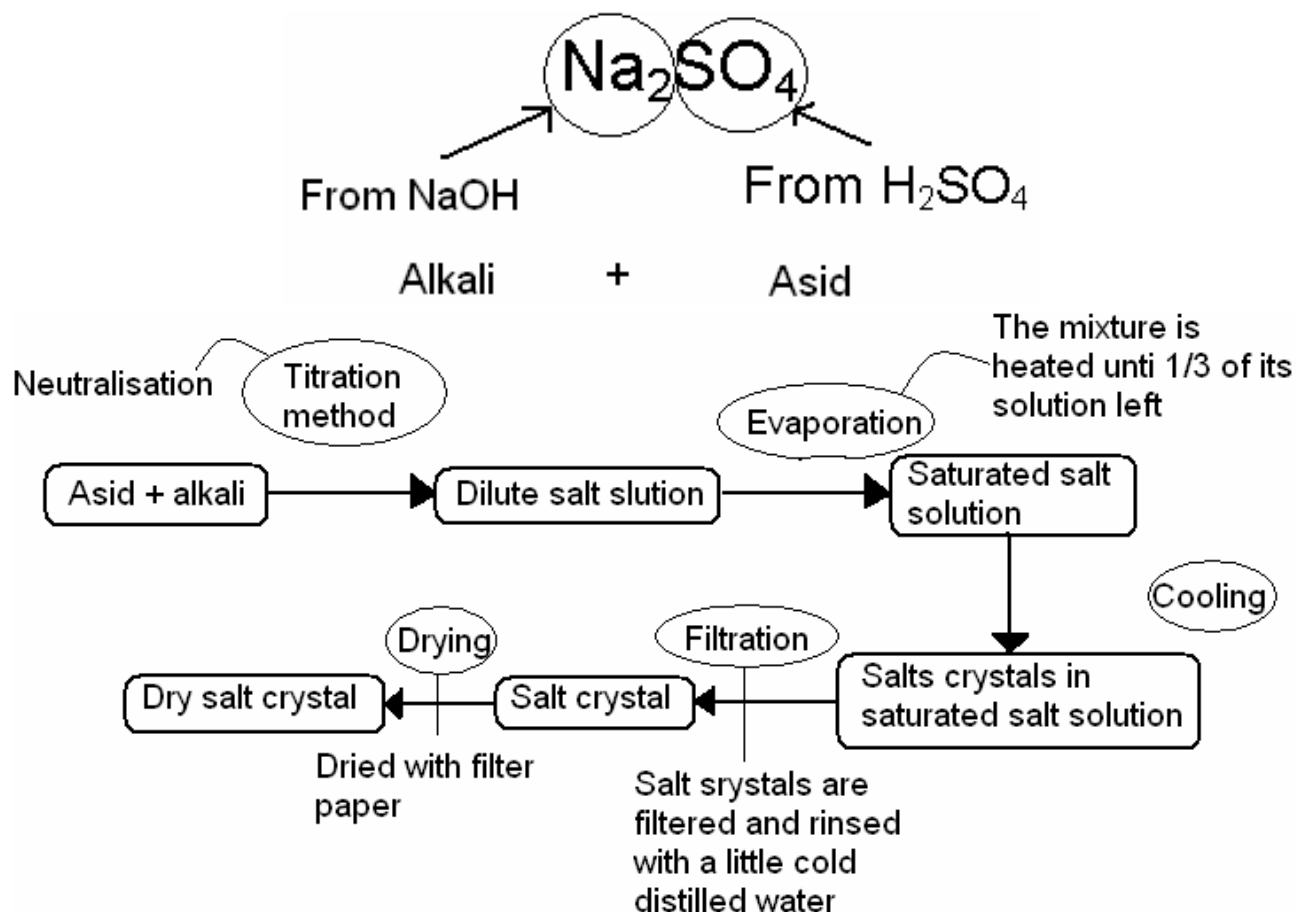
Salts	Soluble	Insoluble
Nitrate salts	- All nitrate salts	-
Carbonate salts	- Potassium carbonate, K_2CO_3 - Ammonium carbonate, $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{CO}_3$ - Sodium carbonate, Na_2CO_3	- All other carbonate salts
Chloride salts	- All chloride salts Except →	- Lead (II) chloride, PbCl₂ - Silver chloride, AgCl - Mercury Chloride, HgCl
Sulphate salts	- All sulphate salts Except →	- Lead (II) sulphate, PbSO₄ - Barium sulphate, BaSO₄ - Calcium sulphate, CaSO₄

2. Preparation and purification of soluble salts

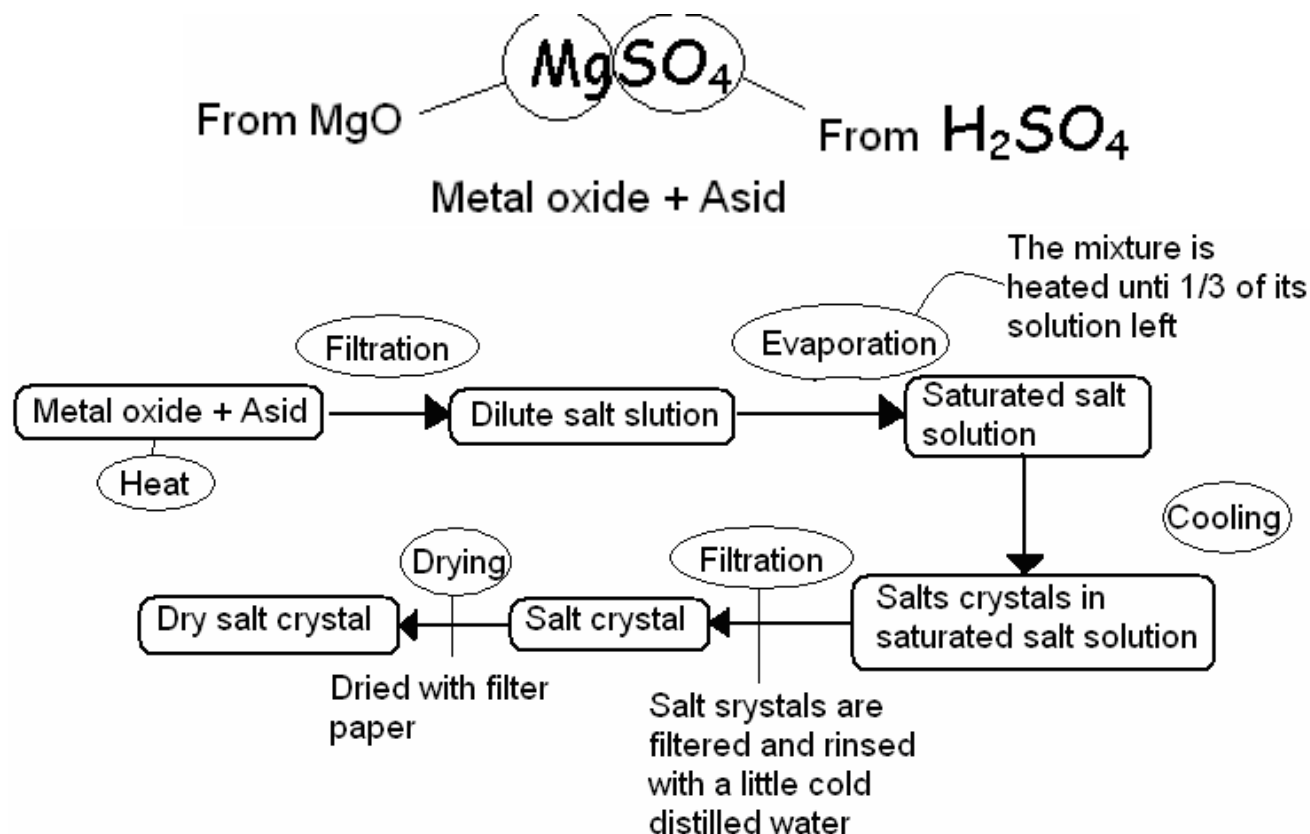


- The salts formed during preparation of soluble salts contain impurities.
- These salts need to be purified through a process known as **recrystallisation**.
- Physical characteristics of crystals:
 - Crystals have fixed geometrical shapes such as a cuboid, rhombic or prism.
 - Crystals of the same substance have same shapes but may be in different sizes.
 - Crystals have flat surfaces, straight edges and sharp angles.
 - Crystals have fixed angles between two neighboring surfaces.

Example 1: Preparation of Soluble Salts → Na_2SO_4

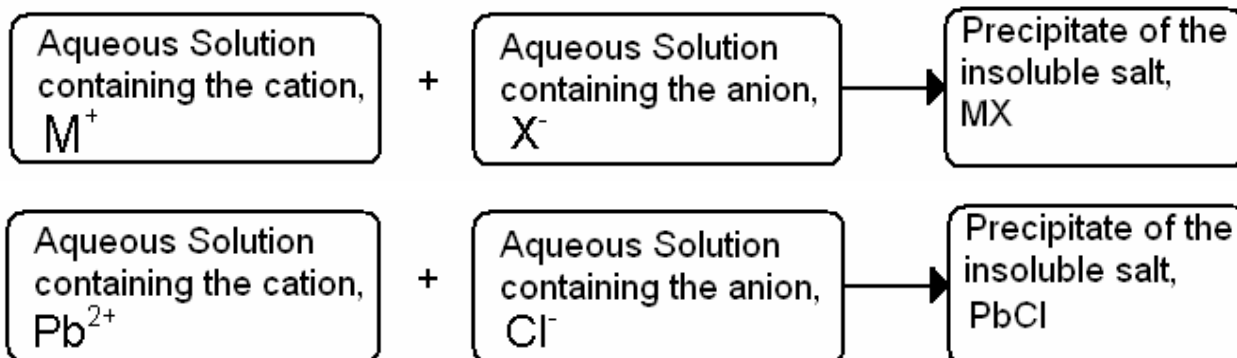


Example 2: Preparation of Soluble Salt → MgSO_4

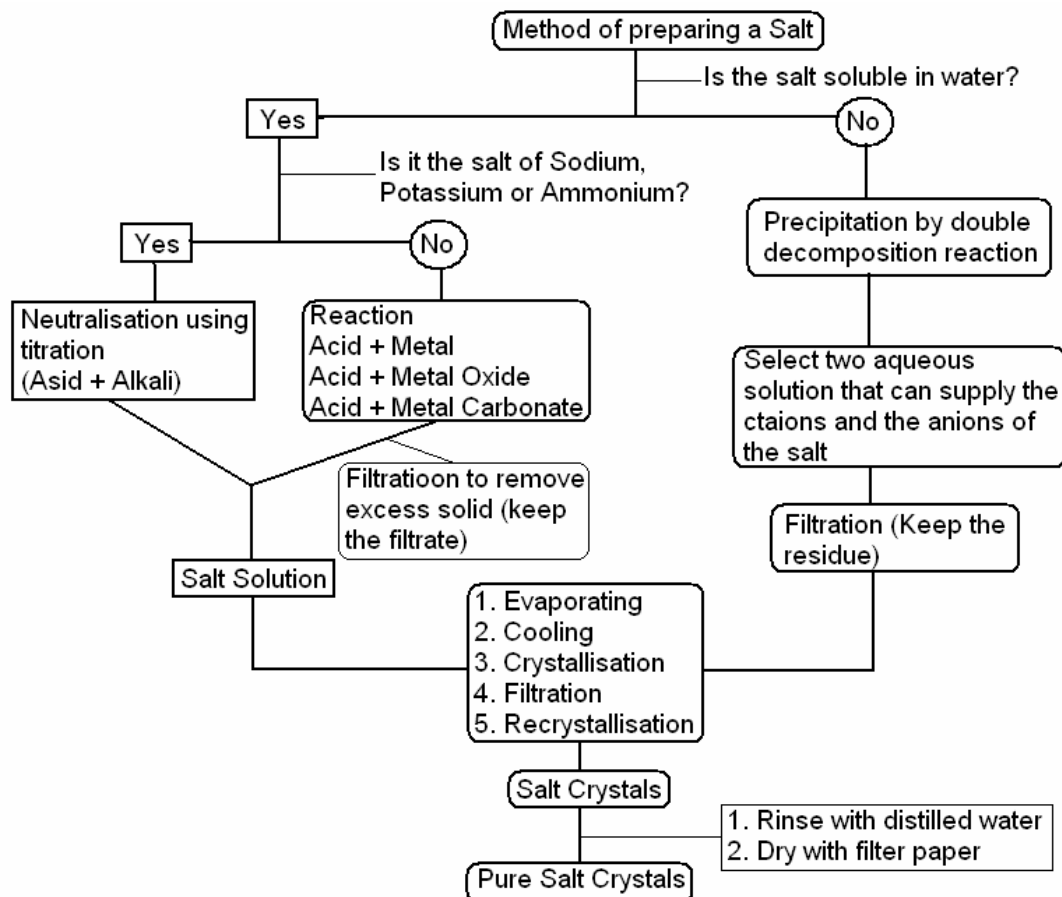


3. Preparation of insoluble salts

- An insoluble salt is prepared through precipitation reaction.
- Aqueous solutions containing the ions of the insoluble salt are mixed together to form the salt.
- The insoluble salt is formed as a precipitate and can be obtained by filtration.
- Example: $\text{BaCl}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{BaSO}_4(\text{s}) + 2\text{NaCl}(\text{aq})$
- Insoluble salts can be prepared by double decomposition reaction through precipitation.



4. Procedure for the selection of the method preparing 1 specified salt.



5. Qualitative Analysis of Salts

- Qualitative analysis is a chemical technique used to determine what substance is present in a mixture but not their quantities.
- In the quantitative analysis of salts, we need to identify the ions that are present in salts.
- This can be done by analyzing their physical and chemical properties.
- Cations and anions in salts can be identified through:
 - a) Colour and solubility of the salt
 - b) Gas Test
 - c) Effect of heat on salt
 - d) Confirmatory test for anions
 - e) Confirmatory test for cations

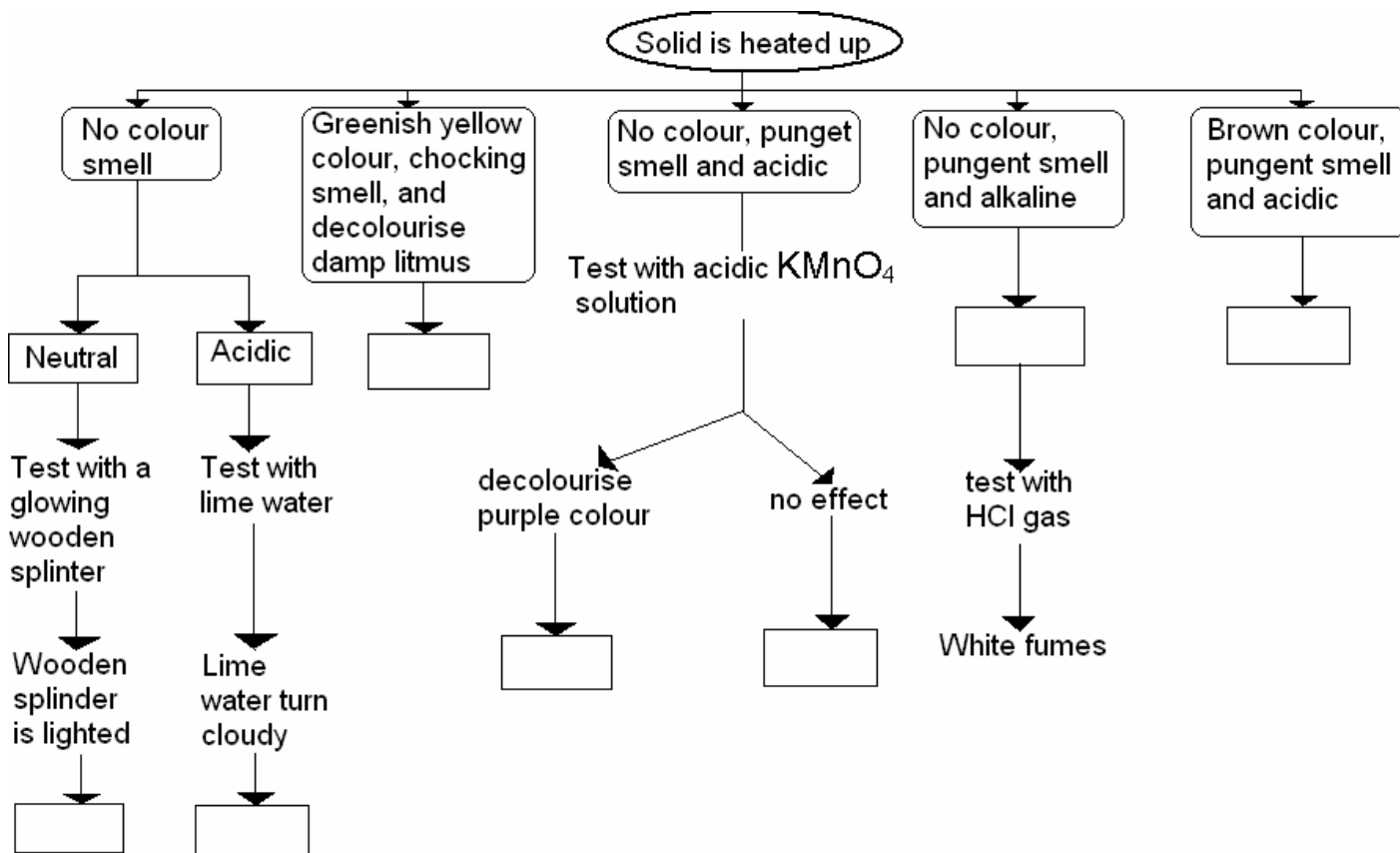
6 Colour and solubility of the salt

Cation / anion / salt / compounds which may be present	Colour	
	Solid	Solution
Salts of Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Al^{3+} , Pb^{2+} , NH_4^+	White	Colourless
CuSO_4 / $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$	Blue	Blue
CuCl_2	Green	Blue
CuCO_3	Green	Insoluble
FeSO_4 / $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ / FeCl_2	Green	Green
$\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_3$ / $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ / FeCl_3	Brown	Yellow / Browndish-yellow / Brown (depending on concentration)
PbO	Brown when hot and yellow when cooled	Insoluble
CuO	Black	Insoluble
ZnO	Yellow when hot and white when cooled	Insoluble
PbCl_2	White	Insoluble in cold water but soluble in hot water
PbI_2	Yellow	Insoluble in cold water but soluble in hot water

7 Gas Test

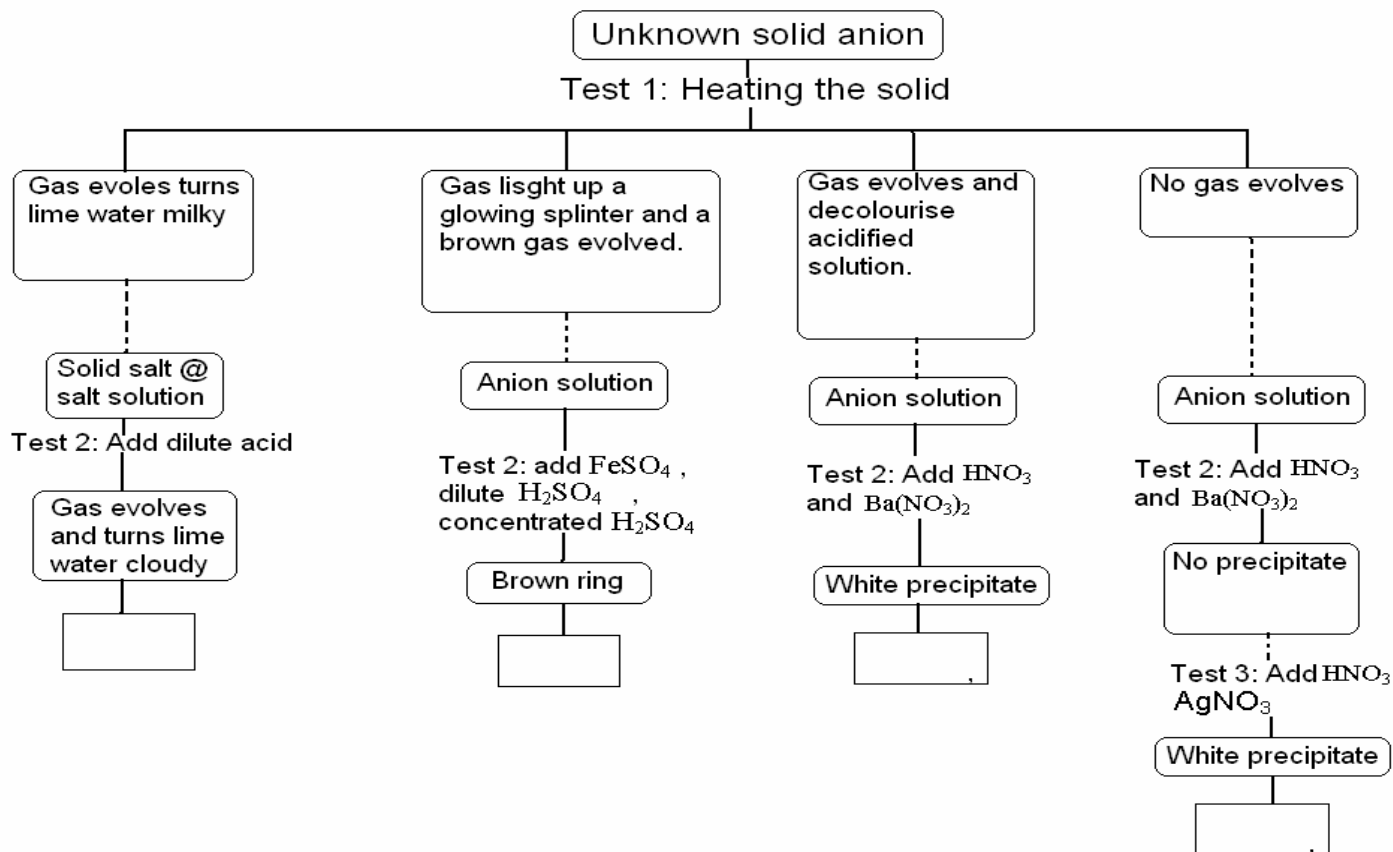
Gas	Colour	Smell	Confirmatory test	Diagram
Oxygen, O_2	Colourless	Odourless	Lights up a glowing wooden splinter	
Hydrogen , H_2	Colourless	Odourless	Produce a 'pop' sound with a lighted wooden splinter	
Carbon dioxide, CO_2	Colourless	Odourless	Turns limewater cloudy	
Ammonia , NH_3	Colourless	Pungent smell	a) Turns moist red litmus paper blue b) Produces thick white fumes with hydrogen chloride, HCl gas	
Chlorine, Cl_2	Greenish-yellow	Pungent smell	a) Bleaches moist red litmus paper b) Turns moist blue litmus paper to red and then bleaches it	
Hydrogen Chloride, HCl	Colourless	Pungent smell	Produces thick white fumes with ammonia, NH_3 gas	
Nitrogen dioxide, NO_2	Brown	Pungent smell	Turns moist blue litmus paper red	
Sulphur dioxide, SO_2	Colourless	Pungent smell	Bleaches the purple colour of acidified potassium manganate (VII), $KMnO_4$ solution	
Water vapour, H_2O	Colourless	Odourless	a) Turns the white anhydrous copper (II) sulphate, $CuSO_4$ blue b) Turns the blue anhydrous cobalt (II) chloride $CoCl_2$ paper pink.	

Flow Chart for selection of test for gas



8. Test For Anions

ANIONS		TEST
1	Carbonate ion, CO_3^{2-}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pour 3 cm³ of aqueous carbonate solution into a test tube - Add 2 cm³ hydrochloric acid, HCl - Bubble the gas produced through limewater - Lime water turned milky.
2	Chloride ion, Cl^-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pour about 2 cm³ of aqueous chloride solution into test tube - Add 2 cm³ nitric acid, HNO₃ - Add 2 cm³ of silver nitrate solution, AgNO₃. - A white precipitate is formed with silver nitrate solution
3.	Sulphate ion, SO_4^{2-}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pour 2 cm³ of aqueous sulphate solution into test tube - Add 2 cm³ hydrochloric acid, HCl - Add 2 cm³ of barium chloride solution, BaCl₂. - A white precipitate is formed with barium chloride solution
4.	Nitrate ion, NO_3^-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pour about 2 cm³ of aqueous nitrate solution into test tube - Add 2 cm³ sulphuric acid, H₂SO₄. - Add 2 cm³ of iron (II) sulphate, FeSO₄ solution. Shake to mix well. - Slant the test tube and add slowly concentrated sulphuric acid, H₂SO₄ down the side of the test tube. Do not shake the test tube. - A brown ring is formed.



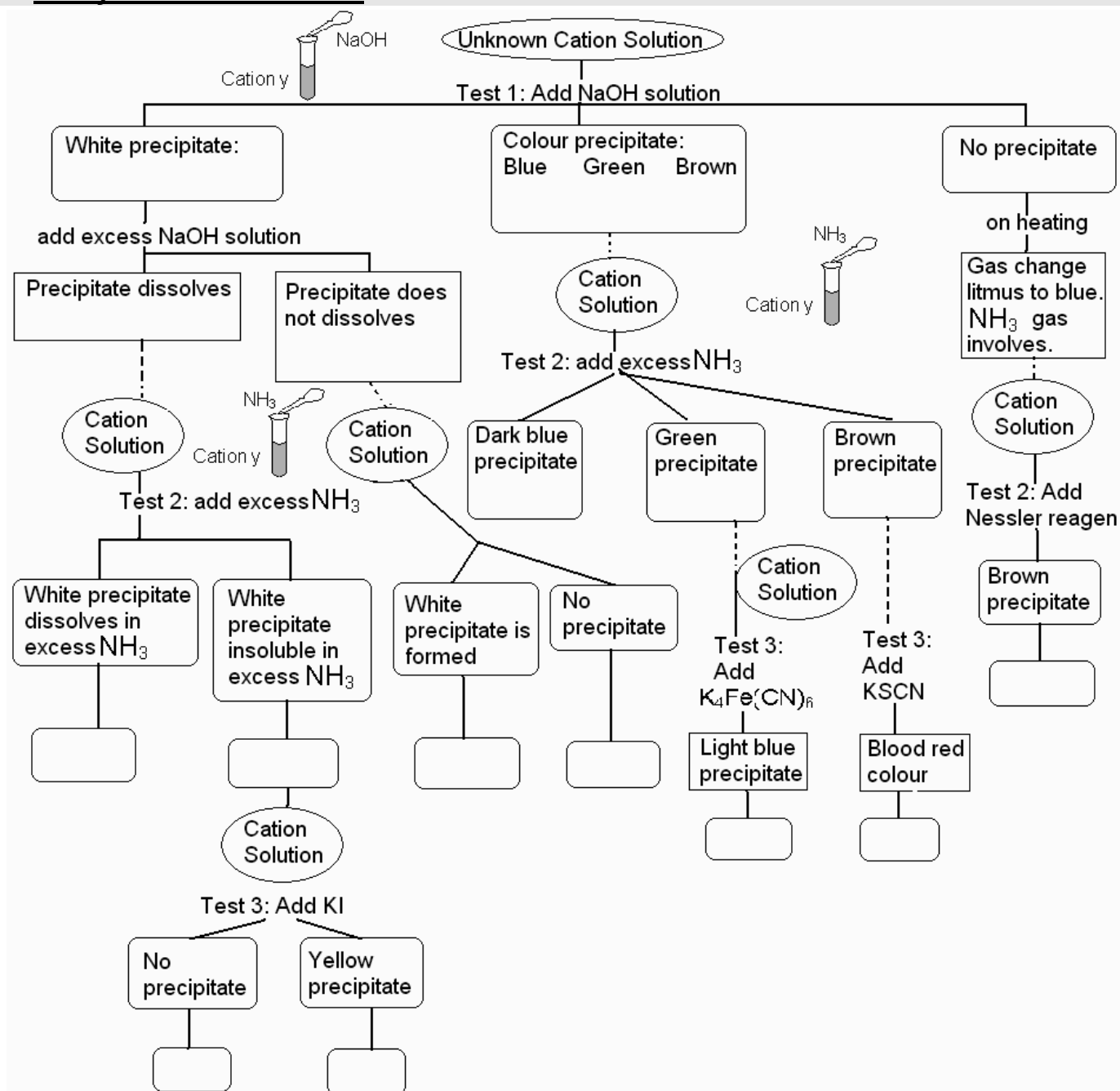
9. Test for Cations

Reactions with NaOH solution	Cations	Reactions with NH ₃ solution
NH ₃ gas evolves when heated	NH ₄ ⁺	-
Blue precipitate insoluble in excess NaOH	Cu ²⁺	Blue precipitate insoluble in excess NH ₃ (aq) to form a dark blue solution
Green precipitate insoluble in excess NaOH	Fe ²⁺	Green precipitate insoluble in excess NH ₃ (aq)
Brown precipitate insoluble in excess NaOH	Fe ³⁺	Brown precipitate insoluble in excess NH ₃ (aq)
White precipitate insoluble in excess NaOH	Ca ²⁺	No precipitate forms
White precipitate insoluble in excess NaOH	Mg ²⁺	White precipitate insoluble in excess NH ₃ (aq)
White precipitate soluble in excess NaOH	Zn ²⁺	White precipitate soluble in excess NH ₃ (aq)
White precipitate soluble in excess NaOH	Al ³⁺	White precipitate insoluble in excess NH ₃ (aq)
White precipitate soluble in excess NaOH	Pb ²⁺	White precipitate insoluble in excess NH ₃ (aq)

1 Confirmation Tests

Cations	Confirmatory Test	Observation
Fe^{2+}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add acidic potassium manganate (VII) solution, KMnO_4 Add $\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ Add $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purple colour of solution decolourised Light blue precipitate Dark blue precipitate
Fe^{3+}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add potassium thicyanate, KSCN Add $\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ Add $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood red solution formed Dark blue precipitate Greenish brown solution
Pb^{2+}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add potassium iodide solution, KI Add potassium chloride solution, KCl Add potassium sulphate solution, K_2SO_4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yellow precipitate White precipitate White precipitate
NH_4^+	Add Nessler reagent	Brown precipitate formed

11. Analysis of cations in Salt



Chemistry Form 4: Chapter 9 Salts

Salts	Salts is a compound
Types of salts	

Types of Salts	Soluble	Insoluble

Salt / Compound	Solubility in water	Salt / Compound	Solubility in water
1. Cu(NO ₃) ₂		11. NH ₄ Cl	
2. MgCl ₂		12. AgNO ₃	
3. ZnCO ₃		13. CaCO ₃	
4. PbSO ₄		14. BaSO ₄	
5. CuCl ₂		15. PbCl ₂	
6. ZnSO ₄		16. Al(NO ₃) ₃	
7. AgCl		17. CuCO ₃	
8. Na ₂ CO ₃		18. Na ₂ SO ₄	
9. BaCO ₃		19. ZnCl ₂	
10. Ca(NO ₃) ₂		20. FeSO ₄	

Method	Diagram
<p>To prepare soluble salts by mixing acid with alkali</p> <p>i) Titration ii) Crystallisation iii) Recrystallisation</p>	$\text{HCl(aq)} + \text{KOH(aq)} \rightarrow \text{KCl(aq)} + \text{H}_2\text{O(l)}$

<p>To prepare soluble salts by mixing acid with an insoluble metal oxide</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Acid + insoluble saltii. Crystallisationiii. Recrystallisation	$2\text{HNO}_3(\text{aq}) + \text{CuO}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{aq}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$
<p>To prepare soluble salts by mixing acid with an insoluble metal carbonate</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Acid + insoluble metal carbonateii. Crystallisationiii. Recrystallisation	$2\text{HCl}(\text{aq}) + \text{MgCO}_3(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{MgCl}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{l})$

<p>To prepare insoluble salts by precipitation reaction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. mixing solutions ii. Filtering and washing precipitate iii. Drying insoluble salt 	$\text{BaCl}_2(\text{aq}) + \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4(\text{aq}) \rightarrow \text{BaSO}_4(\text{s}) + 2\text{NaCl}(\text{aq})$
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Gas Tests

Gas	Colour	Smell	Diagram	Confirmatory Test
Oxygen O ₂				
Hydrogen H ₂				
Carbon dioxide CO ₂				
Ammonia NH ₃				
Chlorine Cl ₂				
Hydrogen chloride, HCl				

Nitrogen dioxide NO ₂				
Sulphur dioxide SO ₂				
Water vapour H ₂ O				

Effect of heat on carbonate salts

Carbonate salts	Colour of salt before heating	Colour of residue		Effect on lime water	Chemical equation
		Hot	Cold		
Copper (II) carbonate CuCO ₃					
Zinc carbonate ZnCO ₃					
Lead(II) carbonate PbCO ₃					
Magnesium carbonate MgCO ₃					
Calcium carbonate CaCO ₃					
Potassium carbonate K ₂ CO ₃					
Sodium carbonate Na ₂ CO ₃					

Effect of heat on Nitrate salts

Nitrate salts	Colour of salt before heating	Colour of residue		Observation	Chemical equation
		Hot	Cold		
Sodium nitrate NaNO_3					
Potassium nitrate KNO_3					
Magnesium nitrate $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$					
Calcium nitrate $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$					
Copper (II) nitrate $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$					
Zinc nitrate $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2$					
Lead(II) nitrate $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$					
Iron (II) nitrate $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_2$					
Iron (III) nitrate $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$					

Test of Anions

Anion	Activity & Diagram	Observation	Inference
Carbonate ion, CO_3^{2-}			
Chloride ion, Cl^-			
Sulphate ion, SO_4^{2-}			
Nitrate ion, NO_3^-			

Test for Cations

Cation solution	Cation	Observation				Confrimatory test
		A liitle sodium hydroxide NaOH	Excess sodium hydroxide NaOH	A little ammonia, NH ₃ solution	Excess ammonia NH ₃ solution	
Calcium nitrate Ca(NO ₃) ₂						
Magnesium nitrate Mg(NO ₃) ₂						
Zinc nitrate Zn(NO ₃) ₂						
Aluminium nitrate Al(NO ₃) ₃						
Lead (II) nitrate Pb(NO ₃) ₂						
Copper (II) sulphate CuSO ₄						
Iron (II) sulphate FeSO ₄						
Iron (III) chloride FeCl ₃						