NAMES OF IONS

To properly discuss ions and ionic compounds, we have to know how to name them!
 CATIONS

3 kinds:



Main group cations (metals that take only one charge when forming ions)

- The element's name is the same as the ion's name!



Transition metal cations (from metals that can form several cations)

- The CHARGE of the cation must be given. Use a ROMAN NUMERAL after the element name to indicate charge!

3† <u>Fe : "Iron(III) ion"</u>



Polyatomic cations

- Memorize list.

NH 4: "ammonium ion"

ANIONS

2 kinds



Main-group nonmetals

- Use the STEM NAME of the element, then add "-ide" suffix

N³: "nitride" ion P³: "phosphide ion" S²: Sulfide Iun

O : "oxide ion" F : "fluoride ion"



Polyatomic ions

- Memorize list.(see web site)

 $C_2H_3O_2$: "acetate ion" SO_4 : "sulfate ion"

 NO_3 : "nitrate ion" SO_3^2 "sulfite ion"

NO₂: "nitrite ion"

* Polyatomic ions ending in "-ate" and "-ite" suffixes always contain oxygen! "-ate" ions have more oxygen atoms than their "-ite" counterparts.

NAMING IONIC COMPOUNDS

- The name of the compound is based on the name of the ions in the compound

- Cation first, anion second

Examples:

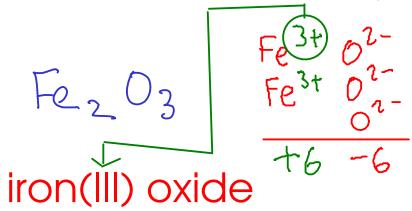
magnesium hydroxide

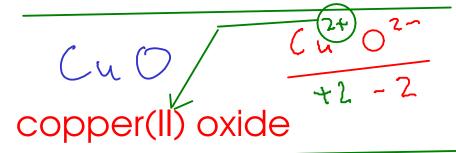
NazS

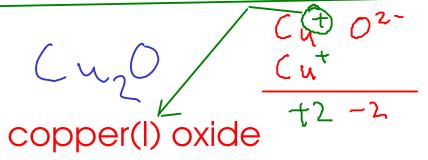
sodium sulfide

BeBrz

beryllium bromide







Remember to include the Roman numeral for CHARGE in the name of transition metal compounds!

Page 63 (9th edition): Chart of polyatomic ions

(NH4)25

ammonium sulfide

iron(II) carbonate

$$T_{1}S_{2}\sqrt{\frac{Y_{1}}{S^{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5^{2}}$$

Baz (PD4) 2
barium phosphate

Spelling matters!

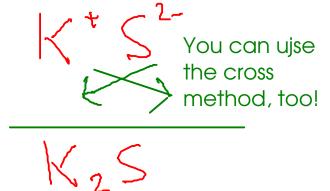
barium phosphide

- The name of an ionic compound is made of the names of the CATION and ANION in the compound.
- To get the FORMULA, you must figure out the SMALLEST RATIO of cation to anion that makes the charges balance out

Examples:

iron(III) carbonate

potassium sulfide



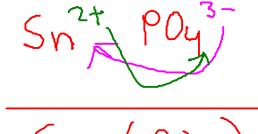
calcium bromide

DETERMINING IONIC FORMULAS

sodium sulfate

Nat Soy2-Nat

Maz SO4 tin(II) phosphate



barium hydroxide

Baoth

strontium oxide

chromium(III) nitrate

 $(r(NO_3)_3)$ titanium(IV) chloride

Don't forget PARENTHESIS when you have more than one polyatomic ion in a formula!

- many ionic compounds are formed by crystallizing the compound from water. Sometimes, this causes water molecules to become part of the crystal structure.
- This water is present in a definite ratio to the ions in the compound. Can be removed by heating, but will NOT evaporate if the compound is left standing.

water molecules per formula unit of compound

CuSoy

dot indicates that the water is weakly bound to the ionic compound

- many DESSICANTS are hydrates that have had their water molecules driven off. They will slowly reabsorb water from the air (and keep the environment in a dessicator at a low humidity)

- Hydrates are named using the name of the ionic compound, and a Greek prefix in front of the word "hydrate" to indicate how many water molecules are associated

copper (11) sulfate pentahydrate

"copper(II)"?

MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS

- There are several kinds of molecular compound. We will learn to name two simple but important classes



BINARY MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS

- molecular compounds containing only two elements



- molecular compounds that dissolve in water to release $\overrightarrow{\mathsf{H}}^\mathsf{T}$ ions
- corrosive to metals (react with many to produce hydrogen gas)
- contact hazard: can cause chemical burns to eyes and skin
- sour taste
- turn litmus indicator RED
- two kinds of acids:





- contain hydrogen and one other element



- contain hydrogen, OXYGEN, and another element

BINARY MOLECULAR COMPOUNDS

- Named based on the elements they contain, plus prefixes to indicate the number of atoms of each element in each molecule



FIRST ELEMENT

- Add a GREEK PREFIX to the name of the element.
- Omit the "MONO-" (1) prefix if there is only one atom of the first element



SECOND ELEMENT

- Add a GREEK PREFIX to the STEM NAME of the element
- Add the suffix "-ide" (as if you were naming an anion)
- DO NOT omit the "mono-" prefix if there is only one atom of the second element

SEE COURSE WEB SITE FOR A LIST OF GREEK PREFIXES!
THESE ARE THE SAME PREFIXES USED FOR THE HYDRATES!

Examples:

 BF_3 oron trifluoride

C1207

dichlorine heptaoxide (or dichlorine heptoxide) carbon monoxide CO₂ carbon dioxide

*Note: metalloids like boron behave chemically like nonmetals do.

carbon tetrachloride

CC14

dihydrogen monoxide

H20

dinitrogen tetrafluoride

N2F4

MgCl2: magnessum chloride, not magnessum dichloride.

Why not? This compound is ionic. We can tell easily (in most cases) by simply looking at the first element. If the first element's a metal, we have an ionic compound.

ACIDS



- named after the element (other than hydrogen) they contain
- common binary acids include a Group VIIA element
- named: "Hydro-" + STEM NAME OF ELEMENT+ "-ic acid"

He hydrofluoric acid *dissolves glass!

How hydrochloric acid*most common binary acid!

Horhydrobromic acid

His hydroiodic acid

- (i) OXYACIDS
 - Easy to think about as HYDROGEN IONS combined with POLYATOMIC IONS
 - These acids are not true ionic compounds, but they interact with water to PRODUCE ions!
 - named based on the polyatomic ion they contain, with an ending change:
 - 1) ions ending in -ATE form acids ending in -IC
 - (1)- ions ending in -ITE form acids ending in -OUS

Hz 504 sulfuric acid H₃ PO₄
phosphoric acid

 H_2 SO_3 sulfurous acid

H NO3 nitric acid

carbonic acid based on carbonate Ht CO32 Ht H2 CO3

The number of hydrogen atoms at the beginning of the formula equals the charge of the anion the acid is based on! - You need to be able to tell, by looking at a name OR a formula, what kind of compound you are working with!

DON'T GET THE NAMING SYSTEMS MIXED UP! EACH KIND OF COMPOUND IS NAMED WITH ITS OWN SYSTEM!

FROM A CHEMICAL NAME

- If the name has a Roman numeral, the name of a metal, or "ammonium", the compound is likely IONIC
- If the name has a Greek prefix AND the prefix is NOT in front of the word "hydrate", the compound is <u>BINARY MOLECULAR</u>
- If the name contains the word "acid":
 - ... and starts with "hydro-", then the compound is a BINARY ACID
 - ... and does not start with "hydro-", the compound is an OXYACID

- If the formula starts with H and is not either water or hydrogen peroxide, the compound is likely an ACID. Which kind?
 - BINARY ACIDS contain only two elements
 - OXYACIDS contains oxygen
- If the formula contains only nonmetals (and is not an ammonium compound or an acid), the compound is likely MOLECULAR

Examples:

 $P(1) : \frac{\text{BINARY MOLECULAR}}{\text{Name: phosphorus trichloride}} \quad \text{NHy} = \frac{\text{IONIC (ammonium ion)}}{\text{Name: ammonium chloride}}$

1/3 POn: OXYACID (hydrogen, phosphate)
Name: phosphoric acid