

The transition metals always form CATIONS!

However, many transition metals are capable of forming SEVERAL DIFFERENT CATIONS!

Example: Iron (Fe) forms two cations, depending on the situation: Fe or Fe

- So how do you know which cation you're dealing with? For now, you'll have to be told
- Either the chemical formula of an ionic compound or the name of an ionic compound can tell you what charge is on the transition metal cation.

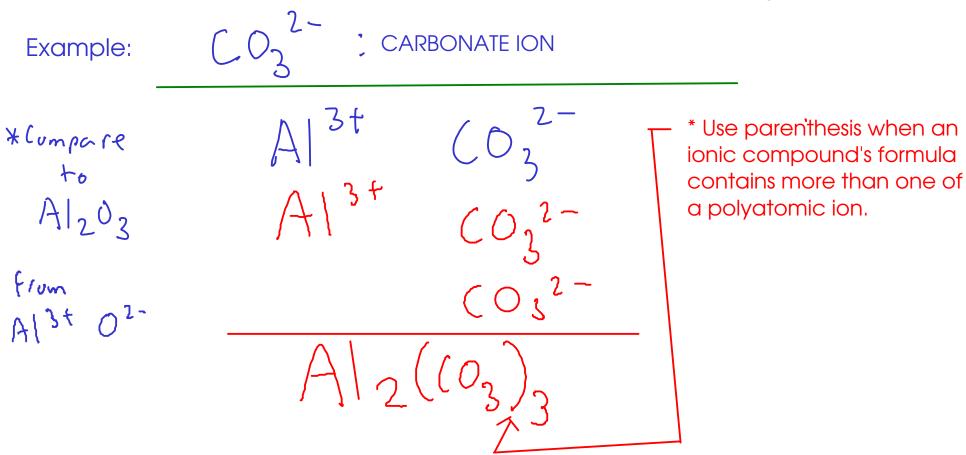
Examples:

* We call this form of iron ion "iron(III)" ... pronounced "iron three". We call the compound "iron(III) nitride", because it contains iron ions with a charge of +3 ...

* We call this form of iron ion "iron(II)" ... pronounced "iron two". We call the compound "iron(II) nitride", because it contains iron ions with a charge of +2 ...

POLYATOMIC IONS

- Some MOLECULES can gain or lose electrons to form CATIONS or ANIONS. These are called POLYATOMIC IONS
- Polyatomic ions form ionic compounds in the same way that single-element ions do.



See the web site or page 63 - table 2.5 (9th ed) or table 2.6 (10th ed) - for a list of common polyatomic ions!

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!



Polyatomic cations

- Memorize list.

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 ion

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.

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

- Cation first, anion second

Examples:

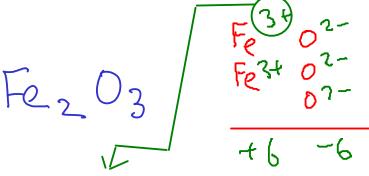
magnesium hydroxide

NazS

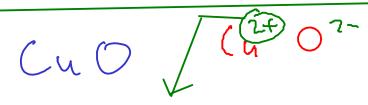
sodium sulfide

BeBrz

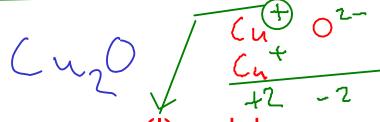
beryllium bromide



iron(III) oxide



copper(II) oxide



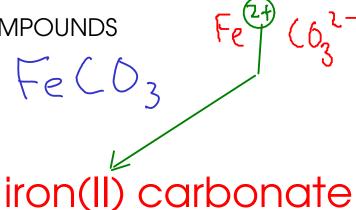
copper(I) oxide

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^{*} Remember to include the Roman numeral for CHARGE when you're writing transition metal compound names!

 $(NH4)_2$ S

ammonium sulfide



titanium(IV) sulfide

Bas (
$$PD4$$
) 2

barium phosphate

Spelling matters!

Bas P_2

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

Fe³⁺ (0²-(0³)³ Fe₂ ((0₃)₃ potassium sulfide

K+ S2-K+ K+ calcium bromide

Catha Br Br

DETERMINING IONIC FORMULAS

sodium sulfate tin(II) phosphate barium hydroxide

strontium oxide chromium(III) nitrate titanium(IV) chloride

Don't forget parenthesis when writing multiple hydroxide, cyanide, or hypochlorite ions!