- 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.

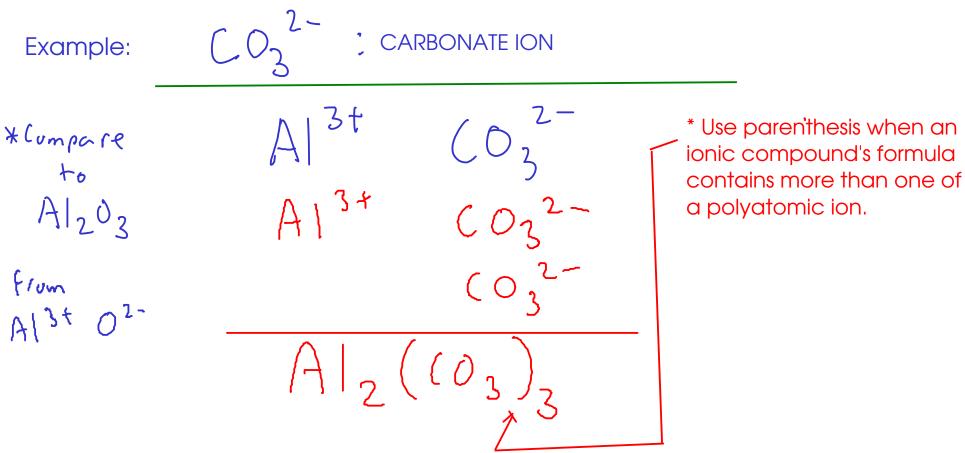
Examples:

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

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

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!

Pe : "iron(II) ion"

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

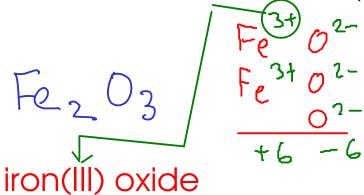
- Cation first, anion second

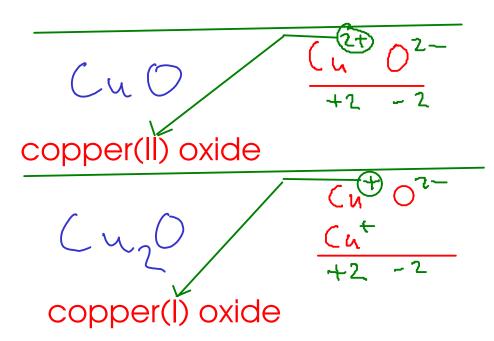
Examples:

magnesium hydroxide

sodium sulfide

beryllium bromide





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

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(NH4)25

ammonium sulfide

