IONIC COMPOUNDS

- USUALLY form from metals combining with nonmetals, or from metals combining with metalloids

Examples: NaCl MgCl2 NaOH

(a(OH)2 Nazco3

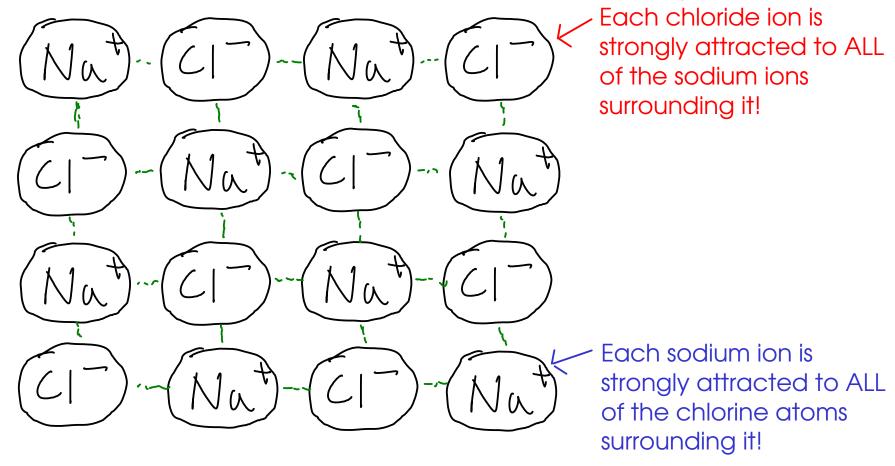
FezO3 FeO

 almost always solid at room temperature, and usually have relatively high melting points

All of the above are solids at room temperature. NaCl has a melting point of 801°C.

- as solids, do not conduct electricity. If dissolved in water (some do not dissolve significantly in water), will form a solution that conducts electricity.

- ionic compounds are held together by ELECTROSTATIC INTERACTIONS (in other words, the attraction between oppositely charged ions!)



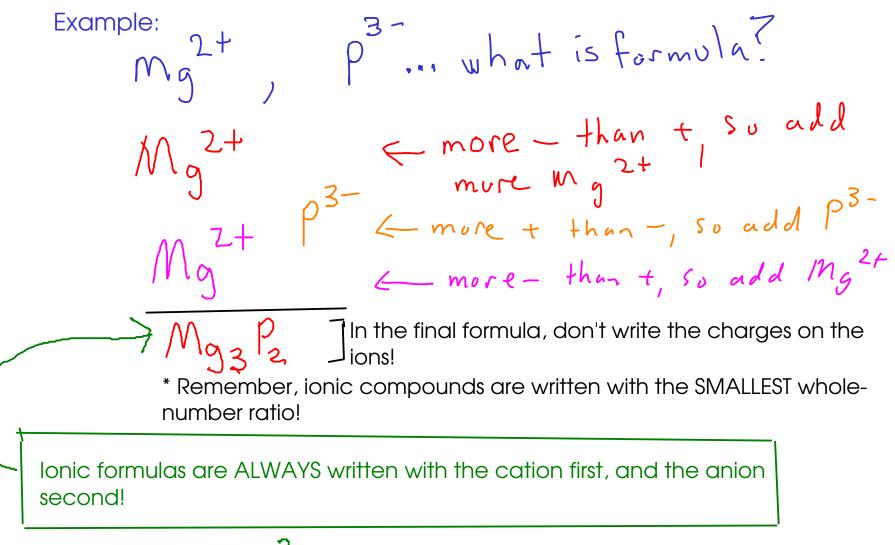
There are no "molecules" in ionic compounds - in the sense that you can't point to a discrete unit of atoms that are connected to only each other

IONIC FORMULAS

- since there are no "molecules", an ionic formula cannot describe how many and what kinds of atoms are in a molecule!
- all ionic compounds are observed to be (overall) electrically neutral, so the IONS they contain must be present in such a way that the charges BALANCE EACH OTHER
 - an ionic formula gives the SMALLEST WHOLE NUMBER RATIO OF CATION TO ANION in the ionic compound

WRITING AN IONIC FORMULA

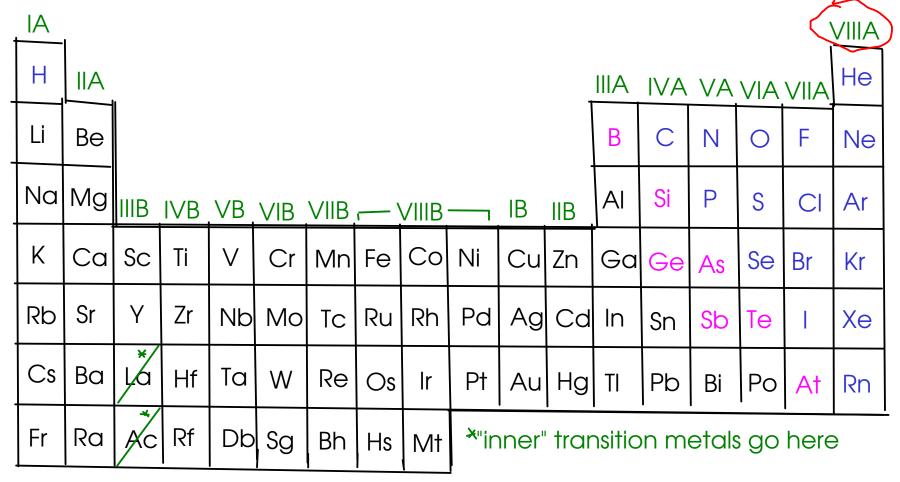
- if you know the ions that make up a compound, all you need to do is find the smallest ratio of cation to anion the compound needs to have an overall charge of zero



Cross method: $M_{3}^{2+} \longrightarrow M_{3}^{3-} \longrightarrow M_{3}^{2}$

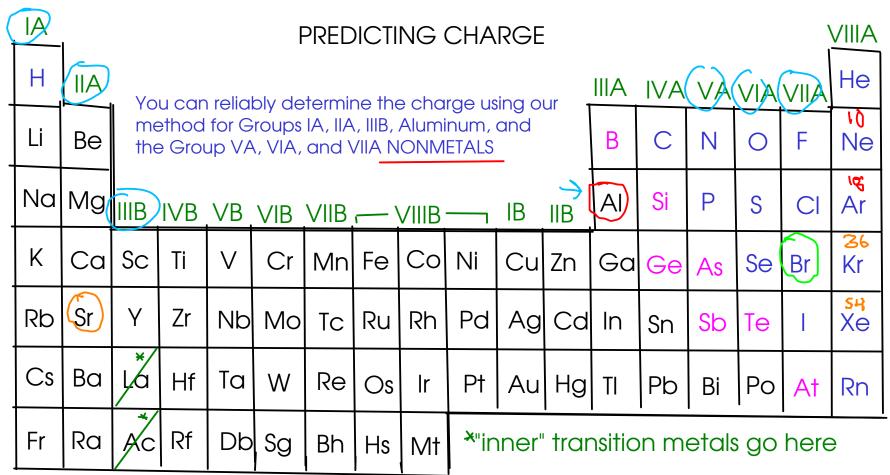
More examples: You can also use the "cross method", as described in your textbook, to write formulas. Use caution, as the "cross method" will sometimes give you the wrong formula! It would give you the wrong answer for this one!

- how do you figure out the charge that an element might take when it becomes an ion?
- for many main group elements, you can predict the charge using the periodic table!



Elements in group VIIIA - the "noble gases" - do not form ions!

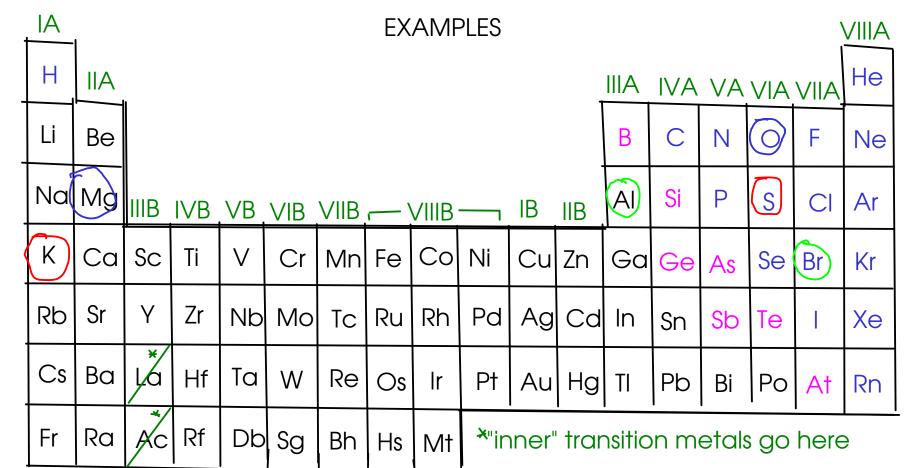
Many OTHER main-group elements form either anions or cations that have the same overall number of electrons as the NEAREST (in terms of atomic number) noble gas!



Aluminum (Al): At atomic number 13, it is three electrons away from neon (Ne), and 5 electrons away from argon (Ar). Prediction: Aluminum will lose three electrons to form the cation Al³⁺

Bromine (Br): At atomic number 35, bromine is one electron away from krypton (Kr). Prediction: Bromine will gain one electron to form the anion Br

Strontium (Sr): At atomic number 38, strontium is two electrons away from krypton. Prediction: Strontium will lose two electrons to form the cation Sr



Find the formulas of:

- (1) an ionic compound containing AI and Br
- (2) an ionic compound containing Mg and O
- (3) an ionic compound containing S and K

Find the formula of:

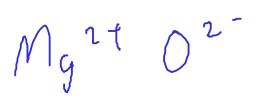
* an ionic compound containing AI and Br

A13+ Br-

A 13+ Br_
Br_
Br_
A 1 Rr

Find the formula of:

* an ionic compound containing Mg and O



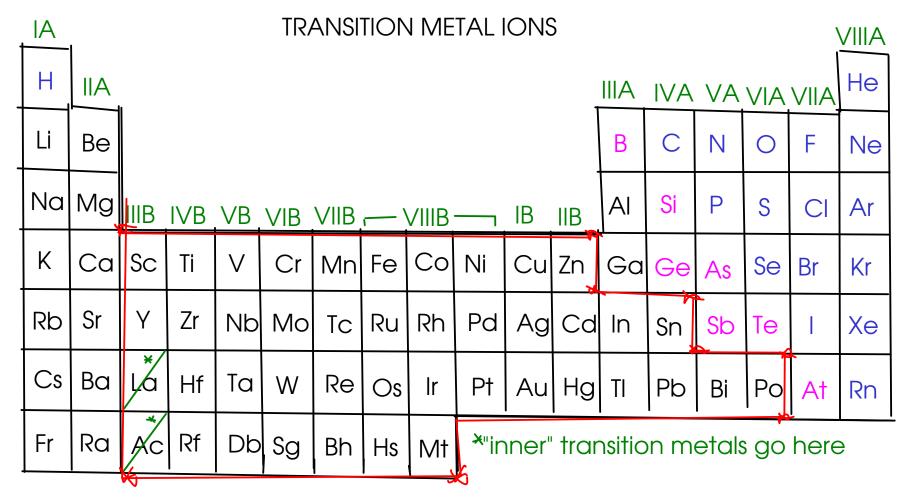
 $\frac{Mg^{2+}O^{2-}}{MgO}$

Find the formula of:

* an ionic compound containing S and K



Reminder:
Cation (+) is
first in ionic formulas!



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.

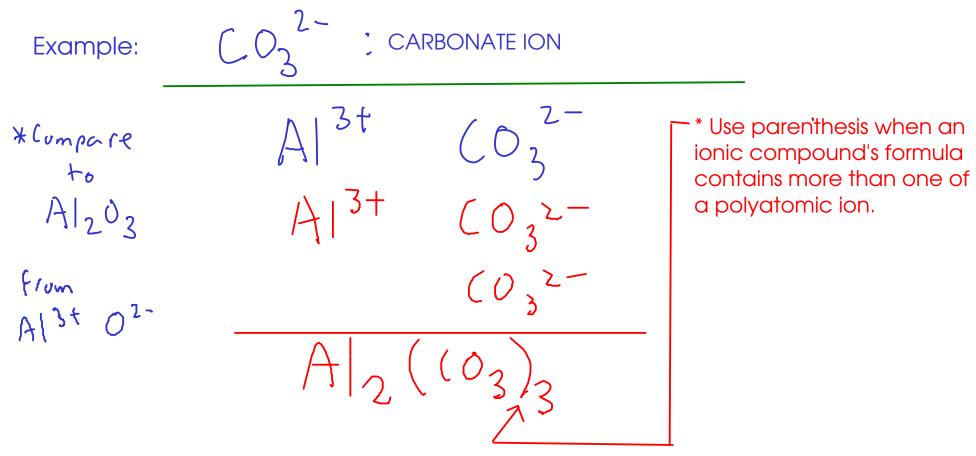
Examples:

* This compound's iron ions have a charge of +3. We call them "iron(III)" ions (pronounced "iron three") The compound is called iron(III) nitride.

^{*} This compound's iron ions have a charge of +2. We call them "iron(II)" ions (pronounced "iron two") The compound is called iron(II) nitride.

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 Iun

O²⁻: "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

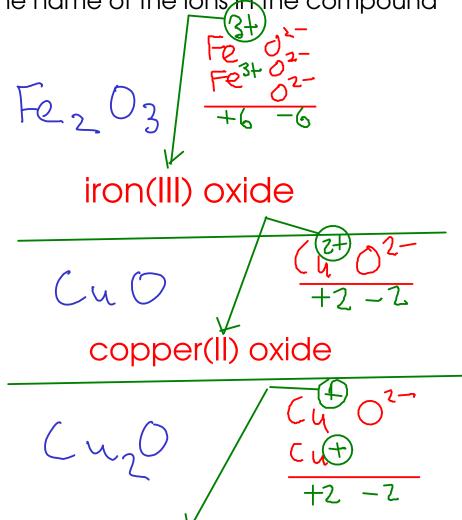
Examples:

magnesium hydroxide

NazS

sodium sulfide

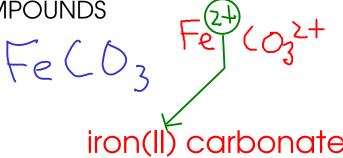
Be Brz beryllium bromide



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

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ammonium sulfide



Ti
$$S_2$$
 T_1
 S_2
 T_2
 T_1
 S_2
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Bas (PD4) 2

barium phosphate

Spelling matters!

Bas P2

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

$$Fe^{3+}$$
 (03²⁻
 Fe_{2} (103)3

potassium sulfide

$$\frac{K^{+}}{K^{2}}$$

calcium bromide