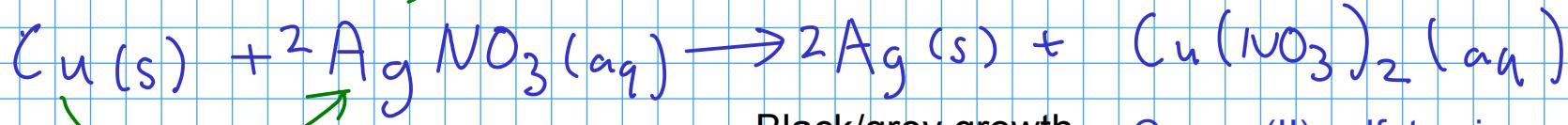


Example reactions

Single replacement?

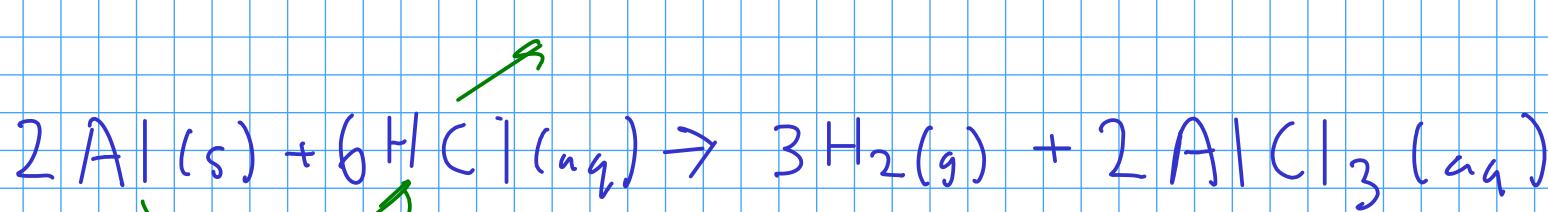


Black/grey growth
on the surface of
the copper metal.

With time, the
growth appears
more grey/silver
than black



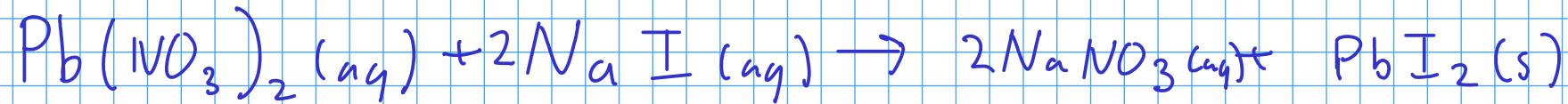
Copper(II) sulfate gives
the remaining liquid a
blue tint (similar to the
blue color of the copper
compound we used in
the hydrates lab!)



Initially, no sign of reaction (probably due to coating
of aluminum oxide on metal surface)...

After some time, hydrogen bubbles appear. You need
fairly concentrated acid for the reaction to start quickly.

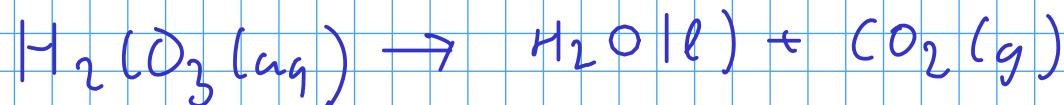
double replacement



Formation of a bright yellow PRECIPITATE (solid),
that first appears as cloudiness.



... but we observe the formation of lots of gas bubbles. What's happening?

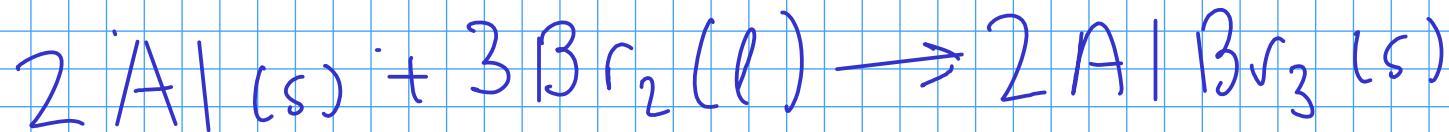


This reaction, a DECOMPOSITION, produces the gas bubbles we observe!



... a white, somewhat gel-like solid forms where the two solutions come into contact with one another.

Combination:



This reaction involves the transfer of electrons from aluminum to bromine, forming the ionic compound aluminum bromide.

This reaction produces a white solid product, but also releases much heat, giving rise to some of the other things we observe:

- ① Intense heat vaporizes the bromine, causing clouds of orange bromine smoke.
- ② Some unreacted aluminum gets hot enough to burn, causing showers of sparks
- ③ Some unreacted aluminum gets hot enough to melt, forming small balls of molten aluminum which melt through the glass beaker containing the reaction.