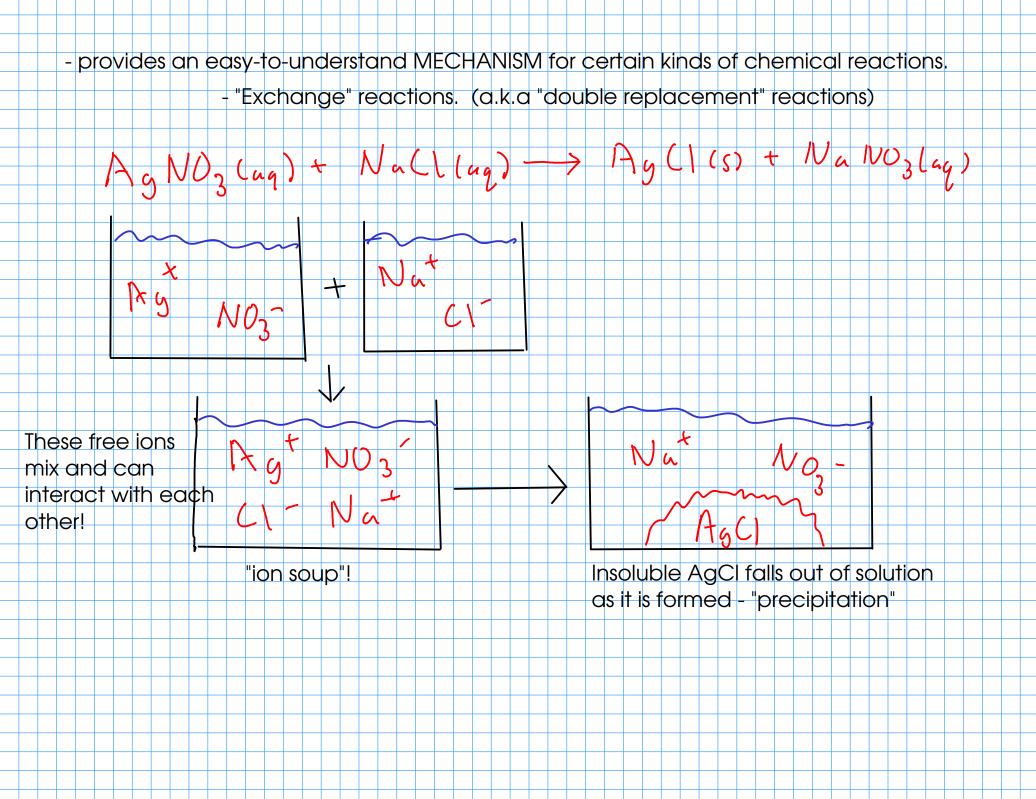
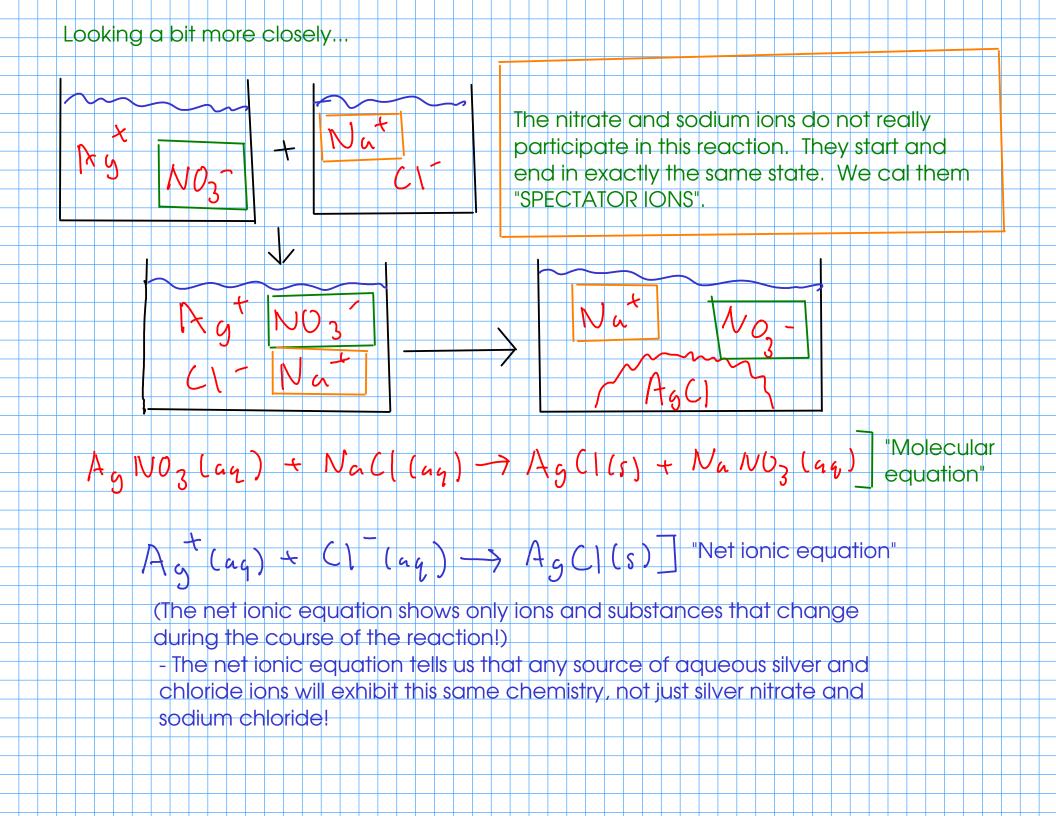


Electrolytes and Ionic Theory electrolytes: substances that dissolve in water to form charge-carrying solutions * Electrolytes form ions in solution - (ions that are mobile are able to carry charge!). These IONS can undergo certain kinds of chemistry! IONIC THEORY - the idea that certain compounds DISSOCIATE in water to form free IONS What kind of compounds? Soluble ionic compounds The ions formed may interact with each other to Acids (strong AND weak) form NEW compounds! Bases (strong AND weak) Strong vs weak? - If an electrolyte COMPLETELY IONIZES in water it's said to be STRONG - If an electrolyte only PARTIALLY IONIZES in water, it's said to be WEAK - Both kinds of electrolyte undergo similar kinds of chemistry.





A bit more about molecular, ionic, and net ionic equations

- molecular equations: Represent all substances (even ionic substances) as if they were molecules.
 Include spectator ions, and do not show charges on ions. Traditional chemical equations.
- ionic equations: Show all free ions including spectators in a chemical reaction. Molecules and WEAK electrolytes are shown as molecules. STRONG electrolytes (like HCl) are shown as ions. Ions that are part of undissolved ionic compounds are shown as molecules.
- NET ionic equation: An ionic equation that leaves out spectator ions. Intended to show only things that actually change in a reaction.

* You can get from the complete ionic equation to the net ionic equation by crossing out the spectator ions on both sides.

"Undissolved ionic compounds": How can I tell if an ionic compound dissolves in water? - consult experimental data: "solubility rules", or use the course web site! A few of the "rules"... - Compounds that contain a Group IA cation (or ammonium) are soluble - Nitrates and acetates are soluble - Carbonates phosphates, and hydroxides tend to be insoluble 9th edition

