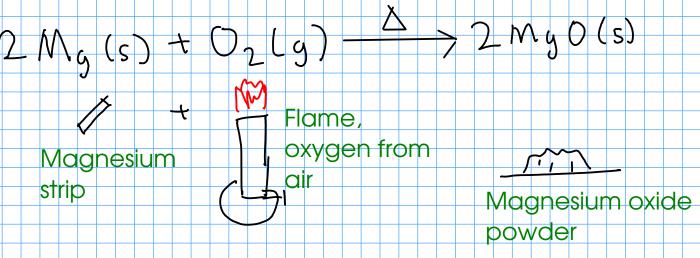


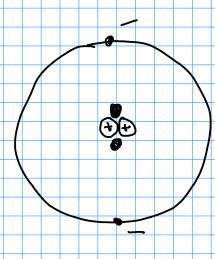
CONCEPT OF LIMITING REACTANT

- When does a chemical reaction STOP?



- When does this reaction stop? When burned in open air, this reaction stops when all the MAGNESIUM STRIP is gone. We say that the magnesium is LIMITING.
- This reaction is controlled by the amount of available magnesium
- At the end of a chemical reaction, the LIMITING REACTANT will be completely consured but there may be some amount of OTHER reactants remaining. We do chemical calculations in part to minimize these "leftovers".
- Reactants that are left at the end of a chemical reaction (in other words, they are NOT the limiting reactant) are often called "excess". So reacting magnesium with "excess oxygen" means that magnesium is limiting.

STRUCTURE OF THE ELECTRON CLOUD



The nuclear model describes atoms as consisting of a NUCLEUS containing protons and neutrons and an EL:ECTRON CLOUD containing electrons.

The ELECTRON CLOUD is described as being a diffuse (lots of empty space) region of the atom. Nothing else about it is part of the nuclear model.

... but the nuclear model is not useful to explain several things:

- Does not explain why atoms react differently from one another
- Does not explain how atoms emit and absorb light (atomic line spectra)

