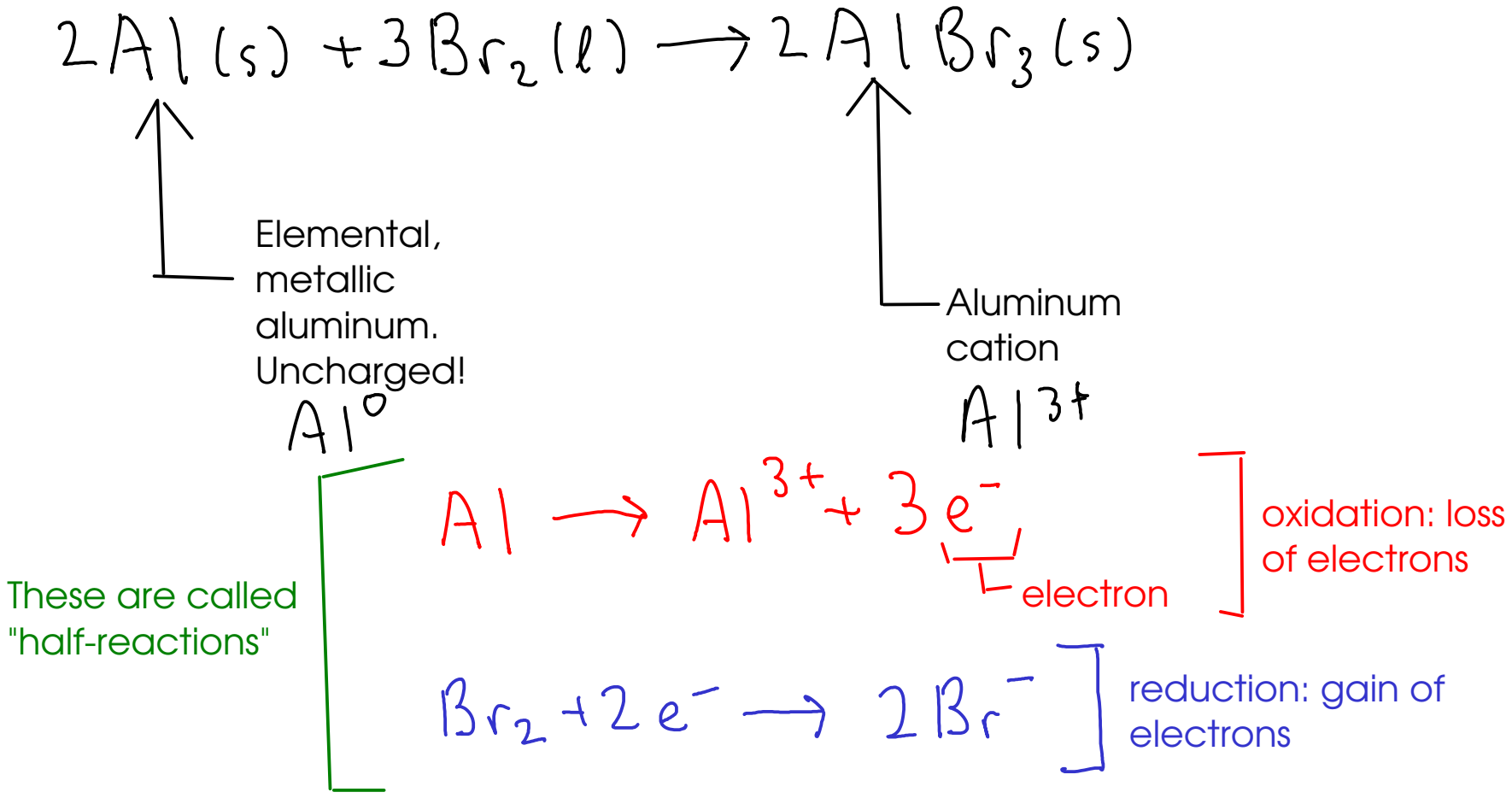
OXIDATION / REDUCTION CHEMISTRY

- Exchange reactions involve ions pairing up, but the ions themseves are not formed in exchange reactions. Exchanges start with pre-existing ions.

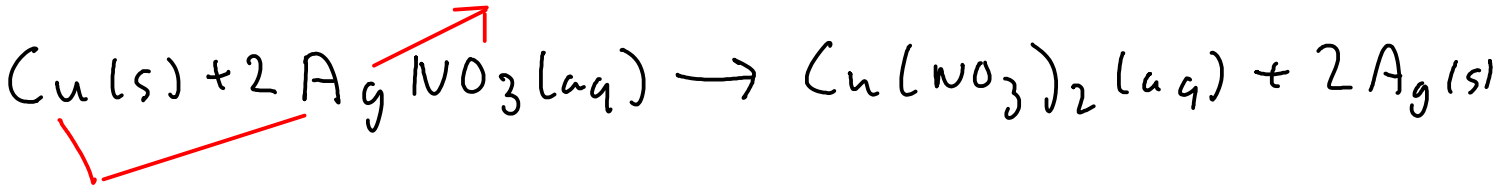
... but the ions have to be produced somehow - through a chemistry that involves the transfer of electrons.

- oxidation / reduction chemistry ("redox" chemistry) involves transfer of electrons and can make ions.



- oxidation and reduction always occur together. In other words, we can't just make free electrons using oxidation without giving them somewhere to go.
- Many of the types of reactions that we learned about in previous courses are redox reactions!

- COMBINATIONS (often but not always redox)
- DECOMPOSITIONS (often redox)
- SINGLE REPLACEMENT (always redox)

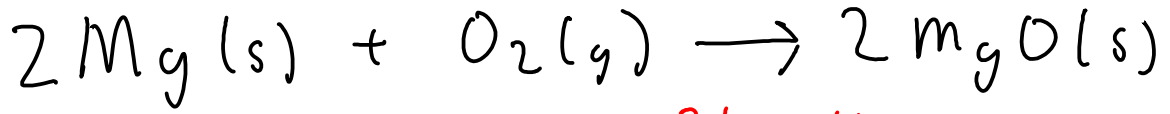


$Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^-$ oxidation

$2Ag^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Ag(s)$ reduction

net ionic → $Cu(s) + 2Ag^+(aq) \rightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2Ag(s)$

- COMBUSTION



$2Mg(s) \rightarrow 2Mg^{2+} + 4e^-$ oxidation

$O_2(g) + 4e^- \rightarrow 2O^{2-}$ reduction

A review of the reaction types we just mentioned:

1 COMBINATION REACTIONS

- Reactions that involve two or more simple substances COMBINING to form a SINGLE product

- Often involve large energy changes. Sometimes violent!

- Form: $A + B + \ldots \longrightarrow C$

Example:

$$2\,Al(s) + 3\,Br_2(l) \longrightarrow 2\,AlBr_3(s)$$

2 DECOMPOSITION REACTIONS

- Reactions where a SINGLE REACTANT breaks apart into several products

- Form: $A \longrightarrow B + C + \ldots$

Example:

$$2\,H_2O_2(\ell) \longrightarrow 2\,H_2O(\ell) + O_2(g)$$

* This reaction is NOT a combustion reaction, even though O_2 is involved!

* Combustion reactions CONSUME O_2, while this reaction PRODUCES O_2

3 COMBUSTION REACTIONS

- Reactions of substances with MOLECULAR OXYGEN (O_2) to form OXIDES.
- Combustion forms an OXIDE of EACH ELEMENT in the burned substance!

- Form: $AB + O_2 \longrightarrow AO + BO$

Oxide: a compound containing OXYGEN and one other element!

* Combustion of hydrocarbons makes carbon dioxide and water, if enough oxygen is present. In low-oxygen environments, carbon monoxide is made instead!

Examples:

Oxides!

$$C_3H_8(g) + 5O_2(g) \longrightarrow 4H_2O(g) + 3CO_2(g)$$

$$2Mg(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2MgO(s)$$

This reaction can also be called a combination!
Two reactants form a single product.

4 SINGLE REPLACEMENT REACTIONS

- Reactions where one element REPLACES another element in a compound.

- Can be predicted via an ACTIVITY SERIES (p151, 9th edition)

- Form: $A + BC \longrightarrow AC + B$

"A" and "B" are elements., often metals.

- Easy to spot, since there is an element "by itself" on each side of the equation.

Examples:

$$\overset{0}{Cu}(s) + 2\overset{+1}{Ag}NO_3(aq) \longrightarrow \overset{+2}{Cu}(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2\overset{0}{Ag}(s)$$

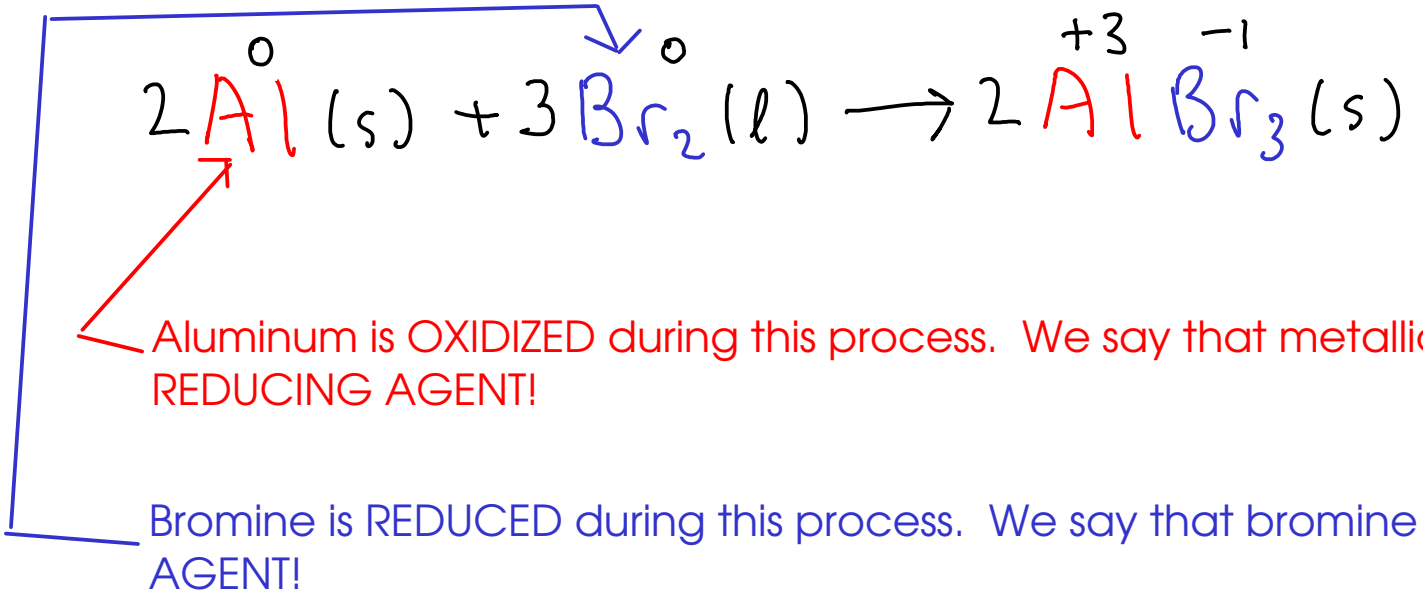
$$\overset{0}{Zn}(s) + \overset{+1}{H_2}SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow \overset{+2}{Zn}SO_4(aq) + \overset{0}{H_2}(g)$$

REDOX LANGUAGE

"oxidizer"

- "Oxidation" is loss of electrons, but an OXIDIZING AGENT is something that causes ANOTHER substance to lose electrons. An oxidizing agent is itself reduced during a redox reaction.

- "Reduction" is gain of electrons, but a REDUCING AGENT is something that causes ANOTHER substace to gain electrons. Reducing agents are themselves oxidized during a redox reaction.



* Strong oxidizers (oxidizing agents) can cause spontaneous fires if placed into contact with combustibles (safety issue!).

* Reactive metals tend to be REDUCING AGENTS, while oxygen-rich ions like NITRATES tend to be OXIDIZING AGENTS. HALOGENS (Group VIIA) also tend to be OXIDIZING AGENTS

END OF CHAPTER 4 MATERIAL

GASES

- Gases differ from the other two phases of matter in many ways:

  - They have very low viscosity (resistance to flow), so they flow from one place to another very easily.

  - They will take the volume of their container. In other words, gas volumes are variable.

  - They are the least dense of all three phases.

  - Most gases are transparent, and many are invisible.

  - Gases show a much larger change of volume on heating or cooling than the other phases.

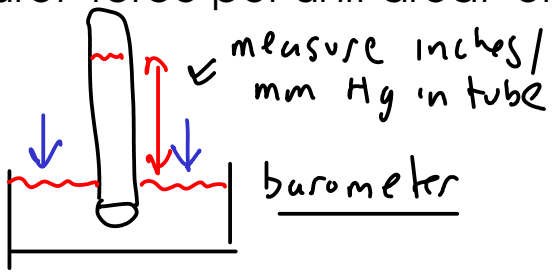
  - Gases react to changes in temperature and pressure in a very similar way. This reaction often does not depend on what the gas is actually made of.

thermal expansion!

KINETIC THEORY

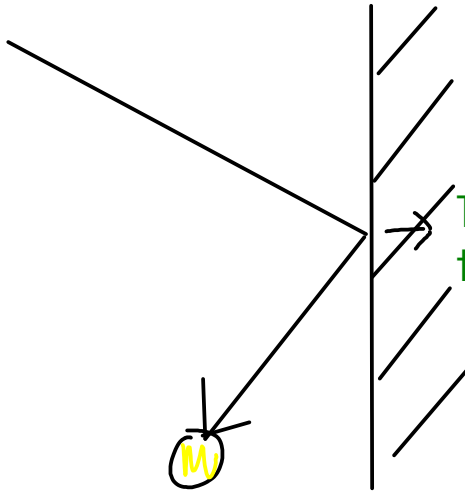
- is a way to explain the behavior of gases.
- views the properties of gases as arising from them being molecules in motion.

- Pressure: force per unit area. Units: Pascal, bar, mm Hg, in Hg, atm, etc.



760 mm Hg = 1 atm

- According to kinetic theory, pressure is caused by collisions of gas molecules with each other and the walls of the container the gas is in.



This collision exerts a force on the wall!

Temperature:

- a measure of the average kinetic energy of the molecules of the gas

$$E_K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

velocity

mass

- The faster the gas molecules move, the higher the temperature!

- The temperature scales used when working with gases are ABSOLUTE scales.

- ABSOLUTE: scales which have no values less than zero.

- KELVIN: metric absolute temperature scale.

$$K = 273.15 + {}^{\circ}C$$

Quick comparison of temperature scales!

°F	°C	K	
212	100	373	Water boils
77	25	298	Room temperature
32	0	273	Water freezes
-460	-273	0	Absolute zero!