GAS FORMATION / OTHER MOLECULES

- There are a few other molecules that can be made with exchange-type chemistry.
- Most of these molecules are unstable and can break apart to form gases.

- Formation of a weak acid:
    - The formation of ANY weak acid in an exchange-type reaction can be a driving force.
    - Some weak acids are unstable and can break apart into gas molecules.

$$H_2CO_3(aq) \longrightarrow H_2O(l) + \boxed{CO_2(g)}$$

Gas bubbles can leave solution!

... but how would you form carbonic acid in an exchange-type reaction?

acid + carbonate CO_3^{2-}

OR

acid + bicarbonate HCO_3^-

$$H_2SO_4(aq) + 2NaHCO_3(aq) \rightarrow 2H_2CO_3(aq) + Na_2SO_4(aq)$$

Ions: H^+ SO_4^{2-} Na^+ HCO_3^-

Formation of carbonic acid drives the reaction ... BUT ...

$$H_2SO_4(aq) + 2NaHCO_3(aq) \rightarrow Na_2SO_4(aq) + 2H_2CO_3(aq)$$

H^+ SO_4^{2-} Na^+ HCO_3^-

... but when we mix sulfuric acid and sodium bicarbonate, we observe BUBBLES. We need to write an equation that agrees with our observations. We know that carbonic acid decomposes, so we go ahead and put that into our equation.

$$H_2CO_3(aq) \longrightarrow H_2O(l) + CO_2(g)$$

$$H_2SO_4(aq) + 2NaHCO_3(aq) \rightarrow Na_2SO_4(aq) + 2H_2O(l) + 2CO_2(g)$$

Other molecules of interest:

H_2SO_3: sulfurous acid - React an ACID with a SULFITE

$$H_2SO_3(aq) \rightarrow H_2O(l) + SO_2(g)$$

H_2S: hydrogen sulfide (gas) - React an ACID with a SULFIDE

$$H_2SO_4(aq) + Na_2S(aq) \rightarrow Na_2SO_4(aq) + H_2S(g)$$

A few more exchange examples:

* Transition metals DO NOT change their charge in exchange reactions!

$$CaCl_2(aq) + 2AgNO_3(aq) \longrightarrow Ca(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2AgCl(s)$$

Ca^{2+} Cl^- Ag^+ NO_3^-

Formation of solid AgCl drives this precipitation reaction.

$$H_3PO_4(aq) + 3NaOH(aq) \longrightarrow 3H_2O(l) + Na_3PO_4(aq)$$

H^+ PO_4^{3-} Na^+ OH^-

Formation of liquid water drives this neutralization (acid-base) reaction. Heat will be given off!

$$KCl(aq) + NaNO_3(aq) \longrightarrow \text{~~}KNO_3(aq) + NaCl(aq)\text{~~}$$ NO REACTION

K^+ Cl^- Na^+ NO_3^-

Both "products" are water-soluble ionic compounds - present in water as FREE IONS. That's the same state these ions started in before mixing. We conclude that there's no driving force ... and NO REACTION.

$$H_2SO_4(aq) + Na_2CO_3(aq) \longrightarrow H_2CO_3(aq) + Na_2SO_4(aq)$$

H^+ SO_4^{2-} Na^+ CO_3^{2-}

$$H_2CO_3 \longrightarrow H_2O + CO_2$$

$$H_2SO_4(aq) + Na_2CO_3(aq) \longrightarrow H_2O(l) + CO_2(g) + Na_2SO_4(aq)$$

Formation of carbonic acid (which breaks apart to form water molecules and carbon dioxide gas bubbles) drives this reaction. We will observe FIZZING as the carbon dioxide escapes...

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.

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

Elemental, metallic aluminum. Uncharged! Al^0

Aluminum cation Al^{3+}

These are called "half-reactions"

$$Al \rightarrow Al^{3+} + 3e^-$$

(e^-: electron)

oxidation: loss of electrons

$$Br_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow 2Br^-$$

reduction: gain of electrons

- 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)

$$Cu(s) + 2AgNO_3(aq) \rightarrow Cu(NO_3)_2(aq) + 2Ag(s)$$

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

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

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

  - COMBUSTION

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

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

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

* 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) (p153, 10th ed)
- Form: A + BC ⟶ 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:

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

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