¹²⁶ 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)

 $Culs) + 2 \operatorname{Ag} \operatorname{NO}_{3}(aq) \rightarrow Culwo_{3})_{2}(aq) + 2\operatorname{Ag}(s)$ $Cu \rightarrow Cu^{2+} + 2e^{-} \operatorname{oxidation}$ $2\operatorname{Ag}^{+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow 2\operatorname{Ag}(s) \text{ reduction}$ $\operatorname{net} \operatorname{unic} \rightarrow Cu(s) + 2\operatorname{Ag}^{+}(aq) \rightarrow Cu^{2+}(aq) + 2\operatorname{Ag}(s)$

- COMBUSTION

$$2 \operatorname{Mg}(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2 \operatorname{Mg}O(s)$$

$$2 \operatorname{Mg}(s) \longrightarrow 2 \operatorname{Mg}^{2+} + 4e^{-} \text{ oxidation}$$

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

A review of the reaction types we just mentioned:

COMBINATION REACTIONS

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

- Often involve large energy changes. Sometimes violent!

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

Example:

 $2A|(s) + 3Br_2(l) \longrightarrow 2A|Br_3(s)$



- Reactions where a SINGLE REACTANT breaks apart into several products

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

Example:

 $2H_1O_1(\ell) \longrightarrow 2H_2O(\ell) + O_2(g)$

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

* Combustion reactions CONSUME ${\rm O_2}$, while this reaction PRODUCES ${\rm O_2}$

COMBUSTION REACTIONS

- Reactions of substances with MOLECULAR OXYGEN (${\rm O_2}$) to form OXIDES.

hydrocarbons makes carbon dioxide and

environments, carbon

water, if enough

In low-oxygen

instead!

Dxides

oxygen is present.

monoxide is made

- Combustion forms an OXIDE of EACH ELEMENT in the burned substance!

- Form:
$$AB + O_{2} \rightarrow AO + BO$$

Oxide: a compound containing OXYGEN and one other element!

Examples:

$$\begin{array}{c} \star \\ C_{3}H_{8}(g) + 5O_{2}(g) \longrightarrow 4H_{2}U(g) + 3CO_{2}(g) \end{array}$$

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

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

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

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

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

Examples:

$$\begin{array}{c} +1 & 7 \\ (u(s) + 2 & A_g & ND_3(aq) \longrightarrow (u(ND_3)_2(aq) + 2 & A_g(s)) \\ & & +2 \\ (u(s) + 2 & A_g & ND_3(aq) \longrightarrow (u(ND_3)_2(aq) + 2 & A_g(s)) \\ & & +2 \\ H_2 & SO_4(aq) \longrightarrow H_2 & SO_4(aq) + H_2 & (g) \end{array}$$

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.

$$2A (s) + 3B (2(l) \rightarrow 2A (B (3) (s))$$
Aluminum is OXIDIZED during this process. We say that metallic aluminum is a REDUCING AGENT!
Bromine is REDUCED during this process. We say that bromine is an OXIDIZING AGENT!

* 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. Thermal expansion.

- 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.

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.



- 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.



¹³⁶- Temperature:

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



- 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.

K = 273.15+°C Quick comparison of temperature scales! 100 Water boils 212573 Room temperature 298 25 32 273 Water freezes O -460-273 Absolute zero! Ο К OF 0

- KELVIN: metric absolute temperature scale.

THE KINETIC PICTURE OF GASES



)Gas molecules are small compared to the space between the gas molecules!

LOW DENSITY!



Gas molecules are constantly in motion. They move in straight lines in random directions and with various speeds.

Attractive and repulsive forces between gas molecules are so small that they can be neglected except in a collision.

- Each gas molecule behaves independently of the others.

Collisions between gas molecules and each other or the walls are ELASTIC.

) The average kinetic energy of gas molecules is proportional to the absolute temperature.

How does this picture explain the properties of gases?

- Gases expanding to fill their container? Agrees with kinetic picture, since gas molecules are independent

- Thermal expansion of gas at constant pressure? Agrees, because the container has to EXPAND to keep the pressure (from collisions) constant when the gas molecules move faster.

- Pressure increases with temperature at constant volume: Agrees, because the number and force of collisions increases with molecular speed.

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