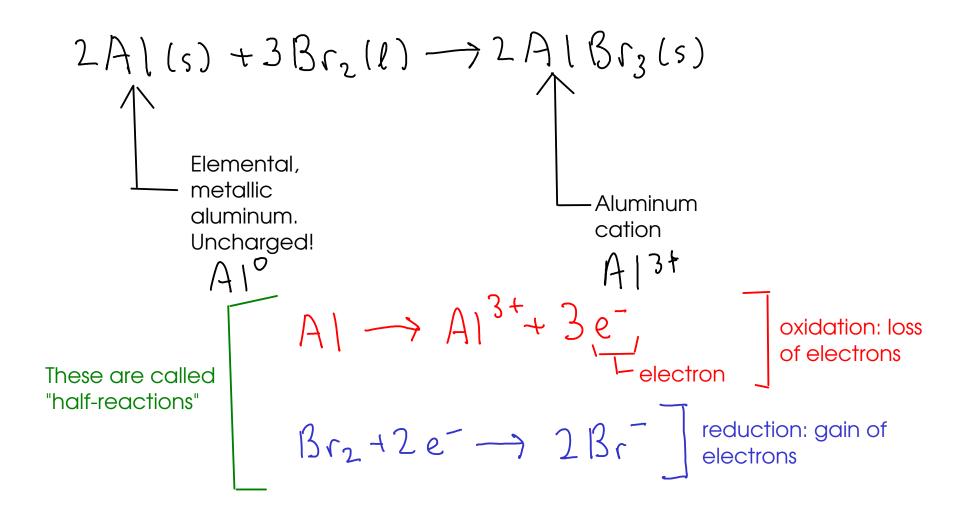


- Exchange reactions involve ions pairing up, but the ions themseves are not formed in exchange reactions. Exchanges start with pre-existing ions.
- ... but the ions have to be produced somehow through a chemistry that involves the transfer of electrons.
  - oxidation / reduction chemistry ("redox" chemistry) 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 (s) +2 Ag NO3 laq) 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Cu (NO3)2 laq) + 2 Ag (s)

Cu  $\rightarrow$  Cu<sup>2+</sup> + 2e<sup>-</sup> oxidation

2 Ag + 2e<sup>-</sup>  $\rightarrow$  2 Ag (s) reduction

net ini( $\rightarrow$  Cu(s) + 2 Ag + (uq)  $\rightarrow$  (u<sup>2+</sup>(ag) + 2 Ag (s))

-COMBUSTION

2 Mg (s) + O2(g)  $\rightarrow$  2 Mg O(s)

2 Mg (s)  $\rightarrow$  2 Mg<sup>2+</sup> + 4e<sup>-</sup> oxidation

O2 (y) + 4e<sup>-</sup>  $\rightarrow$  20<sup>2-</sup> reduction

A review of the reaction types we just mentioned:



- Reactions that involve two or more simple substances COMBINING to form a SINGLE product
- Often involve large energy changes. Sometimes violent!

Example:

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

# 1 <u>DECOMPOSITION REACTIONS</u>

- Reactions where a SINGLE REACTANT breaks apart into several products

Example:

$$2 H_{1}O_{2}(e) \longrightarrow 2 H_{2}O(e) + O_{2}(g)$$

- \* This reaction is NOT a combustion reaction, even though  $O_2$  is involved!
- \* Combustion reactions CONSUME  $O_2$ , while this reaction PRODUCES  $O_2$



## 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!

$$(3 + 8 + 9) + 502(9) \longrightarrow 4 + 20(9) + 3(02(9))$$

$$2mg(s) + O_2(g) \longrightarrow 2mgO(s)$$

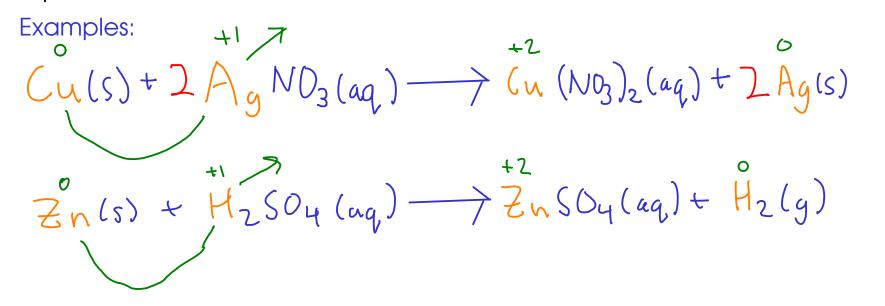
This reaction can also be called a combination! Two reactants form a single product.



## SINGLE REPLACEMENT REACTIONS

- Reactions where one element REPLACES another element in a compound.
- Can be predicted via an ACTIVITY SERIES (p151, 9th edition) (p153, loth ed)

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



#### 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.

$$2\cancel{A}(s) + 3\cancel{B}_{r_2}(l) \longrightarrow 2\cancel{A}(\cancel{B}_{r_3}(s))$$

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